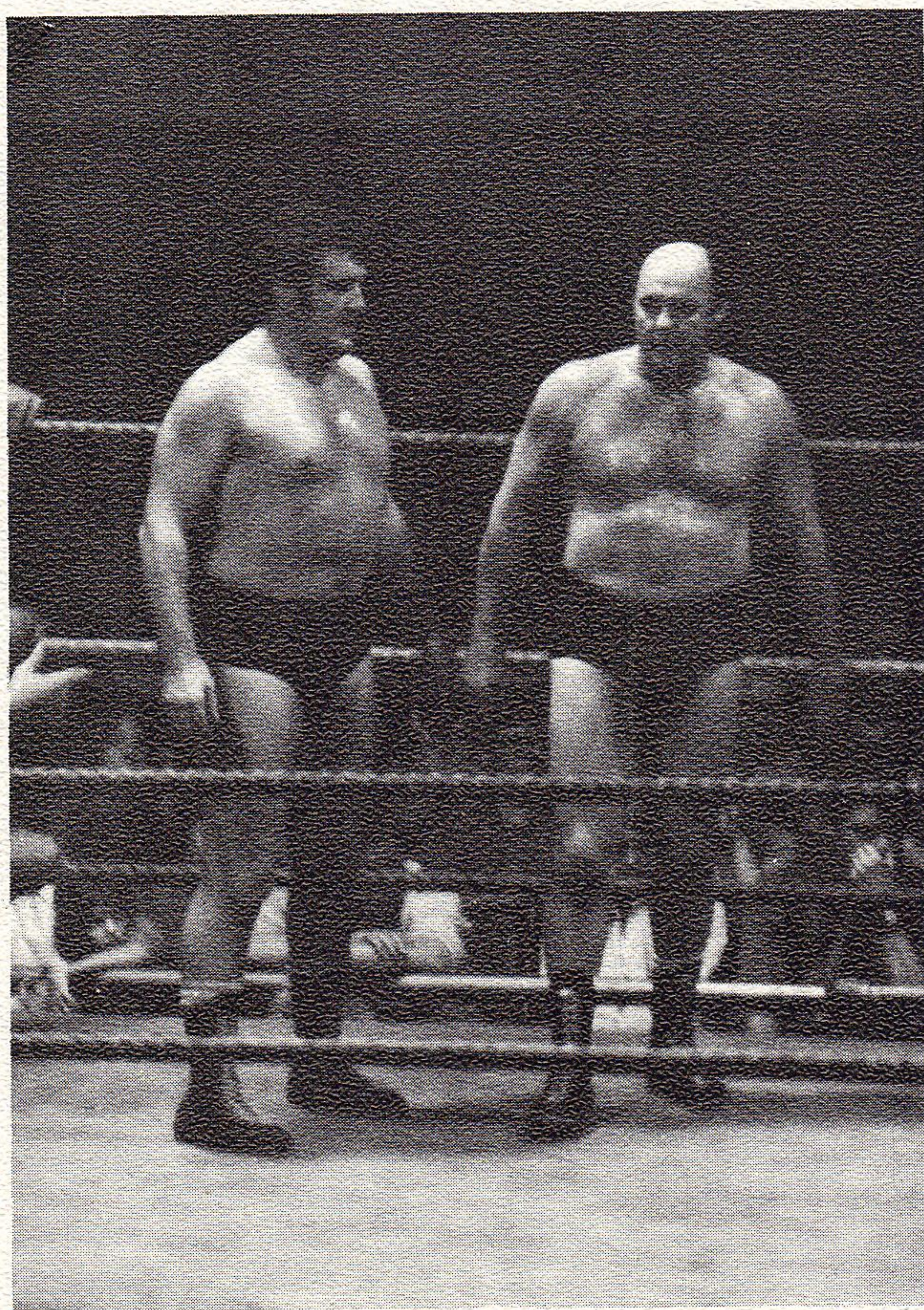




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EDITOR'S MESSAGE:

February being a short month, this issue is getting into your hands a few days later in the month than usual. I trust issue #4 will be received before this date in April. . .

All of the information compiled in this issue was organized and typed by me to be taken to a printer. All of the processes necessary to mail these finished books, are done by two people so we beg your indulgence and in return, our pledge to you is that every effort will be made to make each issue better than the last.

This is the first issue in which we covered just one month. We have presented more than 150 cards of results and since several cities cancelled shows over the holidays, and since I have added several correspondents who have begun supplying me with results since then. I am also happy to announce that IWD now has secured excellent photographers from each important geographical wrestling section of the U.S. plus Japan. And even with just one month covered, with the addition of several types of material covered for variety, I find it hard to find room for everything I would like to include.

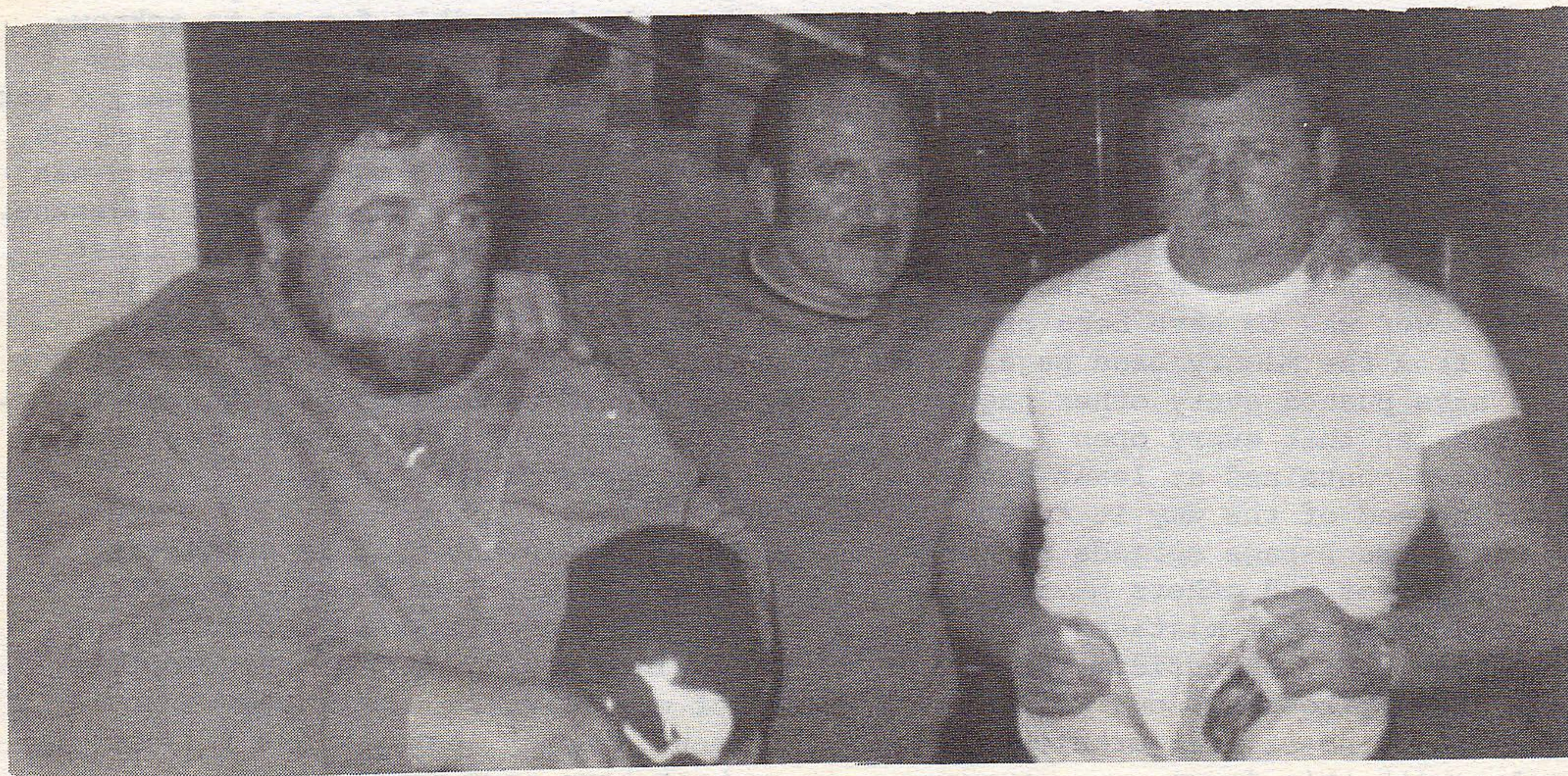
The suggestion made most often, has been for IWD to make itself more up-to-date. Magazines normally put

dates on their covers which are ahead of when they appear. National magazines on wrestling rarely give dates of when anything happened because they are at least as far behind on presenting stories and information. One of the main functions of this publication, as I see it, is to provide wrestling fans with a record book and give as thorough as possible a history of what happened month by month. All material in Issue #4 will be compiled during the last half of March. If I make the issue to include Feb. as well as Jan. I would not have allowed our reporters as well as myself, adequate time to obtain the full scope of what has been occurring.

One possibility could be for me to allow an extra week or so before compiling material, thus I could combine 2 months and come out with an Issue a week or so later and then establish this as the regular monthly interval between issues. But it just seems to me that since we can never be truly current, the time lag we now have makes it possible for IWD to compile the most thorough monthly review in each issue. And of
(cont'd. on next page)

The following key is used for all results:

b-beat; d-draw; dq.-disqualified;
cor-counted out of the ring, nc-no contest (both men dqd. or cor.)



George Cannon - Al Costello - Don Kent

course, IWD recommends that if you are interested in specific areas or wrestlers, that you keep as current as possible by reading the publications and fan club bulletins we list. Running a fan club is an expensive labor of love and having interested people read their bulletins, is a great help.

I would like to hear the ideas of our readers, toward trying to make IWD more up-to-date. In fact, you are encouraged to send your suggestions for the magazine, comments about wrestling, questions you may have, and votes for what you consider to be the best photo in each issue. Your participation will help this magazine. We had a few votes from readers on their favorite photo in Issue #1 and those heard from all had a different opinion. Only Bruce Viner's photo of Billy Robinson whipping Ivan Koloff into the ropes received 2 votes, thereby being considered the winner and is reprinted on P. 40.

All correspondence with me should be mailed to my home address: 517 No. Second St. , Rockford, Ill. 61107. All money and subscriptions should be sent to our mailing address: 6620 Glen Devon Rd., Rockford, Ill. 61111.

We apologize for two unforeseen mistakes with IWD #2. Although we changed photos on the cover, the name Dory Funk Jr. was inadvertantly left from Issue #1, to identify the picture, rather than the obvious-Bruiser and Crusher. Also the ad on the inside cover was to have been page 5, across from the Memory Lane page. This would have pushed every other page back one, so that every open 2-pages would have contained at least one photo instead of the way it turned out with some 2-page spreads not having any photos and others having 2 or 3. We hope these mistakes did not hamper your enthusiasm for the issue and are keeping our fingers crossed that no similar problems develop with this issue.

COBO HALL'S UPCOMING WRESTLING DATES. Worldwide Sports Inc. in Detroit has sent us their list of future wrestling dates. Through June they are: March 17; April 7 & 21; May 5 & 19; and June 9th & 23rd; Ticket prices range from \$2.50 to \$6.00 and may be purchased from the Cobo box office at 1 Washington Blvd, Detroit, Mich. 48226. Phone: (313) 961-9557.

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IWD would like to print future dates and ticket information for our readers who are on vacation or would just like to take in the wrestling matches in another major city. I would like to thank promoter Francis Fleser and Worldwide Sports for their cooperation. And we hope that other promotions will take us up on our offer to publicize their wrestling shows in the near future.

I have compiled 3 pages of mimeographed information pertaining to fan clubs and their bulletins. These ideas and suggestions may be beneficial to fan club presidents and those who are thinking about organizing a fan club. Any such person can obtain a copy by writing to me at IWD's mailing address.

I am way behind on my answering of mail to those I owe letters and replies. For this I am sorry but it is humanly impossible for me to acknowledge all of your splendid letters and those of greatest importance, I get to as quickly as I can. These months go by rapidly and my main concern has to be to prepare the upcoming magazine. It takes on the average of at least an hour per page of my time, and this coupled with my full time teaching job and other obligations, account for my tardiness or lack of letter-writing. However, your letters are encouraged and appreciated.

As is the case in completing every issue, I am greatly indebted to those people whose contributions go into making up this encyclopedia of wrestling knowledge and enjoyment. Read, enjoy, and I'll be back here next month.--- Ron.

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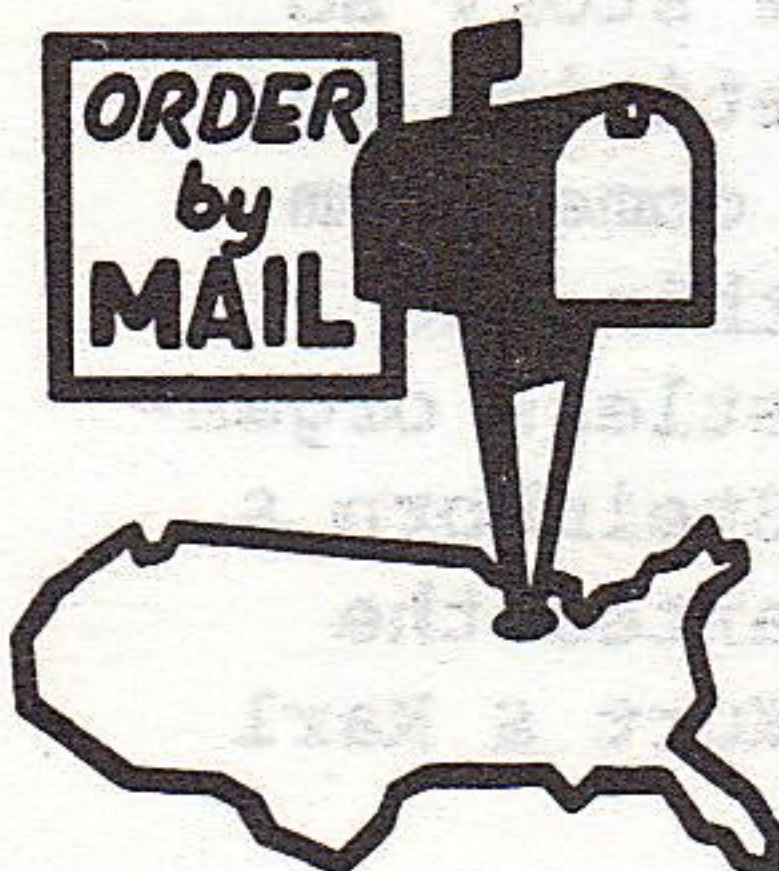
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If one had to summarize 1972 Wrestling with one theme, it would have to be "1972 - the year of the unexpected". A number of the things that happened this past year would have been considered impossible when the year began.

I. IT WAS A YEAR WHEN THE SUPERSTARS OF WRESTLING TRAVELLED TO AREAS NO ONE EXPECTED THEM TO APPEAR IN.

AWA Champion, Verne Gagne, wrestled in the Central States area and Florida, two sections of the country that recognize the NWA heavyweight champion, Dory Funk Jr. Gagne also wrestled in Madison Square Garden on the same bill with WWWF World Champion, Pedro Morales. . . Morales left the East coast to appear in Los Angeles and also made a brief appearance in Florida. . . The Sheik left his Detroit backyard to meet top talent in such unfamiliar neighborhoods as Boston, Amarillo, Des Moines as well as Los Angeles. . . Bruno Sammartino headlined shows in Los Angeles and Detroit. . . Ray Stevens continued to defend his AWA tag title throughout the Midwest, while commuting to San Francisco and the East coast, and with tag partner Nick Bockwinkel, wrestled in tag matches in Florida. Bockwinkel drew large crowds in Los Angeles and Atlanta. . . Ernie Ladd wrestled in main events in NWA, NWF, WWWF and WWA cities. . . Wrestlers flew from one area to another as never before and with the increasing popularity of wrestling in Japan, not only the superstars but also the good, poor, and mediocre wrestlers found themselves welcome and in demand there.

II. EAST COAST FANS NEVER BELIEVED THEY WOULD SEE WWWF IDOLS, PEDRO MORALES AND BRUNO SAMMARTINO WRESTLE ONE ANOTHER, BUT ON SEPTEMBER 30, IN SHEA STADIUM, THEY MET AND WRESTLED FOR 76 MINUTES UNTIL THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK CURFEW HALTED THE CHAMPIONSHIP STRUGGLE IN A DRAW.

III. NEW YORK FANS WERE EQUALLY SHOCKED WHEN THE BAN ON WOMEN WRESTLING WAS REMOVED IN JULY AND MIL MASCARAS ALLOWED TO WRESTLE WITH HIS MASK AT MADI-

SON SQUARE GARDEN IN DECEMBER.

IV. PITTSBURGH CHANGED ITS AFFILIATION FROM THE WORLD WID WRESTLING FEDERATION TO THE NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATION.

The home town of Bruno Sammartino, who held the WWWF title for nearly eight years, did not get to see his successor, Pedro Morales defend the belt or such usual competitors as Chief Strongbow, Gorilla Monsoon, Victor Rivera and Toru Tanaka; instead they watched Waldo Von Erich, the Fargos, and Abdullah the Butcher, and the other NWF wrestlers.

V. DEATH ALWAYS COMES UNEXPECTEDLY TO WRESTLING FANS WHO LEARNED THAT FIVE RING VETERANS LEFT THEIR MIDST DURING THE YEAR AS THE RESULT OF MATCHES OR TRAVEL TO MATCHES.

Luis Hernandez died February 1, in Nagoya, Japan. . . Luther Lindsey died February 21, in Charlotte, North Carolina. . . Ray Gunkel died August 1, in Savannah, Georgia. . . Doug (Mr. X) Scoggins died August 14, near Warner-Robbins, Georgia. . . Whitey Caldwell died October 7, near Kingsport, Tennessee. The shock of these tragic incidents will be remembered by their many fans and admirers for a long time to come. . . Len Rossi was seriously injured in an automobile accident, while several wrestlers received serious leg injuries this year. Among them were such well-known stars as Fred Blassie, Black Jack Lanza, Dr. X, and Bobby Shane.

VI. DETROIT AND MONTREAL CONTINUED TO HAVE TWO WRESTLING PROMOTIONS COMPETING FOR THE FANS AND ATLANTA BECAME ANOTHER TWO-PROMOTION CITY.

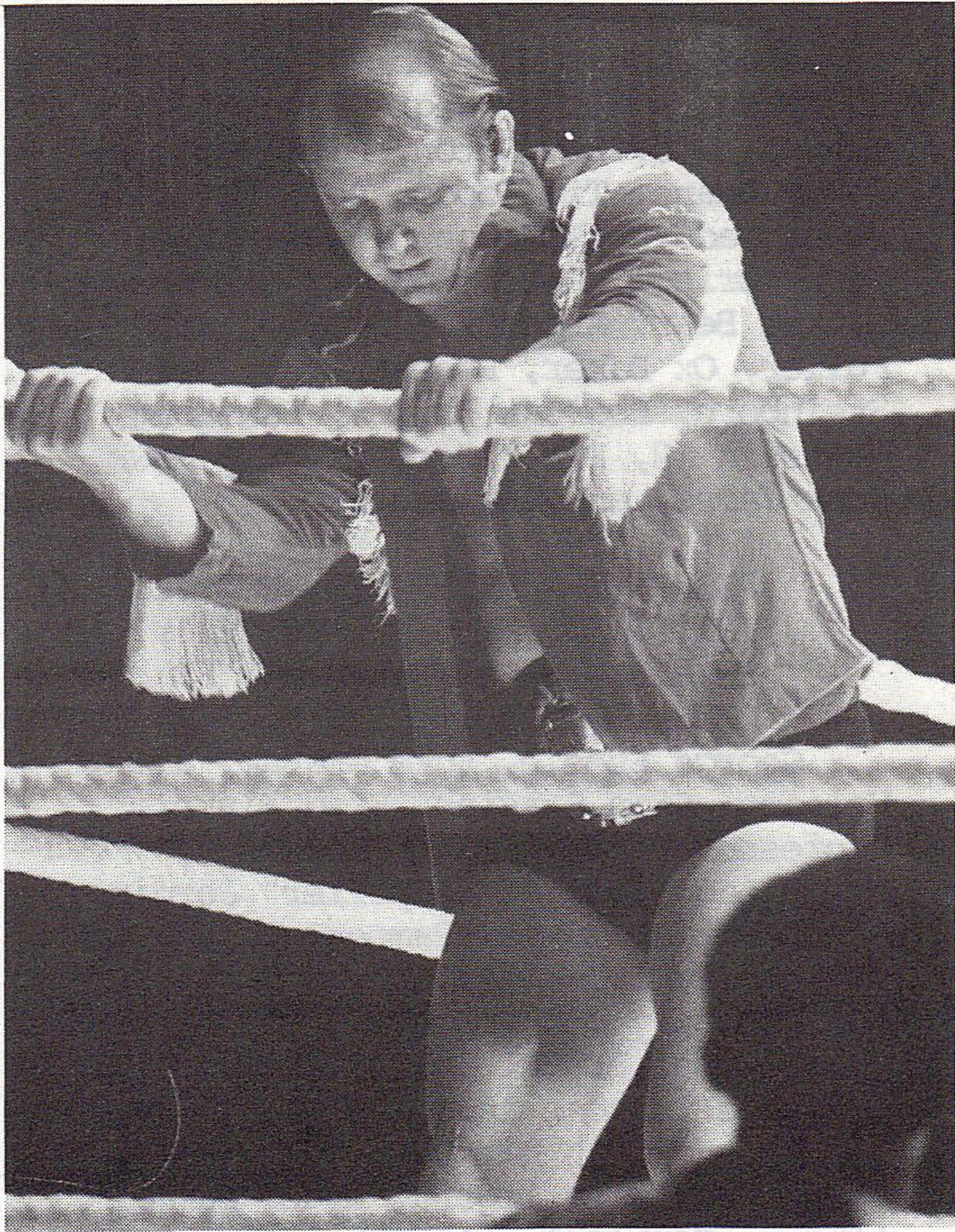
What makes the atlanta story so different, is that the competition for promoter Paul Jones did not come from outside, but rather from within, as most of Promoter Jones' wrestlers organized by the Assassin, Dick Steinborn & the widow of Ray Gunkel, started the competitive promotion. . . Kurt & Karl

von Braunner with their manager, Saul Weingeroff, long-time star attractions for the Nick Gulas-Roy Welch promotions, have organized a rival promotion in the Kentucky-Tennessee area. . . WITH 2 COMPETITIVE ALLIANCES IN JAPAN ALREADY, IT WAS VERY SURPRISING THAT ANTONIO INOKI WOULD LEAVE THE JAPANESE WRESTLING ASSOCIATION AND BEGIN THE NEW JAPANESE WRESTLING ALLIANCE. . . THEN SHOHEI BABA ORGANIZED YET A 4TH ALLIANCE CALLED THE NEW ALL JAPAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION.

VII. EDDIE GRAHAM VOLUNTARILY STEPPED DOWN AS THE TAMPA PROMOTER AND WAS REPLACED BY BUDDY FULLER. . .
Eddie decided to devote more time to active wrestling, especially teaming up with his son Mike, who just began wrestling professionally.

VIII. WRESTLERS WHO CHANGED THEIR PERSONALITIES: Each year many wrestlers undergo a change from being classified by the fans as villains or heroes. The most prominent switches from bad guy to good guy came from Pat Patterson, Black Angus Campbell, Art Neilson & John Tolos, who are enjoying the cheers of the crowd much more than they did the jeers. . . Correctly believing that they could become more successful by not following the rulebook, Matti Suzuki and Paul Jones became villains. . . THE BIGGEST SURPRISES CAME IN LOS ANGELES, WHERE TWO OF THEIR TOP TAG TEAMS SPLIT UP: GOLIATH & BLACK GORDMAN, AND MR. SAITO & KINJI SHIBUYA -- AND THEN GOT BACK TOGETHER AGAIN! . . THE MOST UNPREDICTABLE WRESTLER WITHOUT A DOUBT, WAS DOUG GILBERT, WHO NOT ONLY FLUCTUATED FROM GOOD GUY TO BAD GUY, BUT FROM ONE IDENTITY TO ANOTHER - AS THE PROFESSIONAL, THE PROFESSOR AND RED BEARD!

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IX. AMONG THE WRESTLERS TO BE UNMASKED DURING THE YEAR WERE:
Dr. X in the Ozarks turned out to be Jim Osborne. . . The Zodiac in Florida was Bob Orton. . . George Steele lost his identity of the Student. . . In Georgia, the Avenger was revealed to be Francisco Flores. . . and Boris Malenko called himself Mr. Miami and Mr. Jacksonville.

X. DORY FUNK JR. HELD ONTO HIS NWA CHAMPIONSHIP ALL YEAR.
JOHNNY WEAVER AND FRITZ VON ERICH gain the most acclaim by winning non-title matches from Funk. . . Those who held the World Champion to a draw include Red Bastien, Gene Kiniski, Bulldog Brown, Danny Hodge, Rufus Jones, Jack Brisco, and Mil Mascaras. . . Funk had to resort to getting disqualified in order to keep his title in matches with Bill Watts and Lord Al Hayes. . . Besides beating most of those al-

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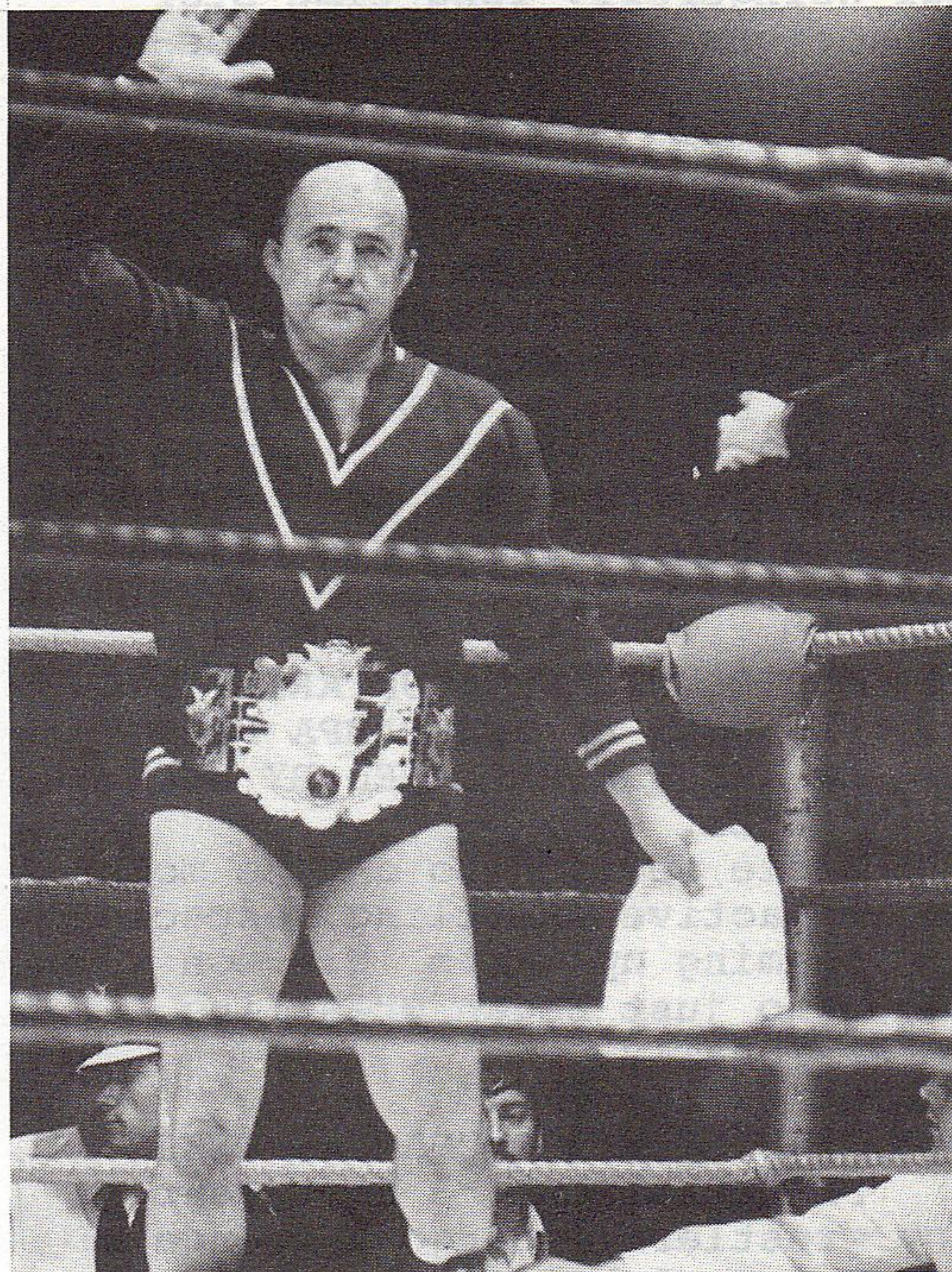
ready mentioned in rematches, Funk defeated such worthy competition as: Buddy Colt, Ciclon Negro, The Stomper, Earnie Ladd, Bob Orton, Dick Murdoch, Bobby Shane, Tim Woods, Dean Higuchi, Sweet Daddy Siki, Johnny Valentine, Jerry Brisco, Pat O'Connor, Steven Little Bear, Argentina Apollo, Ron Fuller, Ox Baker, Roger Kirby, Dick Steinborn, Bearcat Wright, Pak-Song, Assassin #2, Black Gordman, Rip Hawk, Hank James, and the Skull.

XI. PEDRO MORALES PROVED IN 1972 THAT HE IS A MOST DESERVED CHAMPION. AMONG THE MEN HE DEFEATED WERE:

George Steele, Luke Graham, Jimmy Valiant, Stan Stasiak, Fred Blassie, Professor Tanaka, Baron Scicluna, Ernie Ladd, Don "The Spoiler" Jardine, King Curtis Iaukea, Pampero Firpo, Lou Albano, Buddy Wolfe, and Ray Stevens. . . Not only did Pedro win over some of the most brutal and ruthless brawlers to come into the WWWF, but held his own in his 76-minute draw with the living legend, Bruno Sammartino. . . Morales' only other draw in New York came at Madison Square Garden in August of 1971, when he wrestled Stan Stasiak. Other than that, he has won all of his 14 Madison Square Garden appearances.

XII. VERNE GAGNE RETAINED HIS AWA WORLD TITLE:

Gagne continued to leave himself wideopen for criticism by making few title defenses and often-times getting disqualified in order to protect his title. Gagne did gain a clear-cut victory at one time or another against six of the country's best wrestlers: Ivan Koloff, Ray Stevens, Dusty Rhodes, the Great Kusatsu, Nick Bockwinkel, and Baron von Raschke. Verne also won non-title matches outside the AWA arenas against Ronnie Garvin, Buddy Wolfe, and Juan Sebastian. . . Gagne ignored all of the alliance's top popular wrestlers, only giving Billy Robinson a title match once in Chicago on January 22, to contradict this statement and that match ended with Robinson taking two straight falls, the first with a backbreaker and press; the second



when Verne was disqualified for tossing him over the top rope.

XIII. UNLIKE THE RECOGNIZED WORLD CHAMPIONS, NO REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COULD BE RETAINED FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR:

Among the championships held by only two different title holders during the year were: Dr. X and then Danny Hodge as the NWA JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP; Brute Bernard & the Missouri Mauller and then Johnny Weaver & Art Neilson as the Atlantic Coast tag champs; Norman Frederick Charles & Jonathan Boyd followed by Dutch Savage & Lonnie Mayne as the Pacific Northwest tag champs; and only Rocky Johnson and Pat Patterson held the U.S. Championship recognized in San Francisco, however, at the end of 1972 the title is being held up, pending a rematch with a conclusive result between Patterson and the Great Mephisto.

Other titles held during the year and who held them has been compiled and printed here. I am almost certain that these are complete and correct, however, someone could have been overlooked:

AWA TAG: Bastien & Crusher, Stevens & Bockwinkel, and then on Dec. 30, it was won by

Robinson & Gagne, however, the following week Nick & Ray regained their title.

WWWF TAG: Goulet & Gotch, Iaukea & Scicluna, King & Strongbow, and Tanaka & Fuji.

U.S. (Detroit): Bobo Brazil, Pampero Firpo, Bobo Brazil, Firpo, Brazil and the Sheik.

AMERICAS (Los Angeles): Killer Kowalski, John Tolos, Ernie Ladd, and Victor Rivera.

AMERICAN (Texas): The Spoiler, Red Lyons, and Johnny Valentine.

PACIFIC COAST (British Columbia): Bulldog Brown, Steven Little Bear, Gene Kiniski.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Dutch Savage, Bull Ramos, Steven Little Bear, Bull Ramos.

EASTERN HEAVYWEIGHT: Jack Brisco, Rip Hawk, Jerry Brisco.

CENTRAL STATES: Harley Race, Danny Little Bear, Black Angus Campbell, the Stomper, Harley Race, and Omar Atlas.

NO. AMER. (Central States) TAG: Fuji & Yokouchi, Little Bear & Atlas, Fuji & Yokouchi, Little Bear & Stomper, Kirby & Campbell, Jones & Stomper, Kirby & Race.

SOUTHERN: Bobby Shane, Tim Woods, The Zodiac, and Tim Woods.

FLORIDA: Jack Brisco, Paul Jones, and Jack Brisco.

FLORIDA TAG: 1. Infernos, 2. O'Dea & Miller, 3. Shane & Wright, 4. Malenko & Roop, 5. Webster & The Professional, 6. Walker & Malenko, 7. Zodiac & Taurus, 8. Matsuda & Woods, 9. Bockwinkel & Stevens, 10. Matsuda & Orton, 11. Golden & Fuller, 12. Monroe & Austin; 13. Jack & Jerry Brisco; 14. Shane & Markoff.

OZARKS TAG: Lyons & Jones, Parente & Hart, Meyers & Garvin.

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GRAND PRIX TAG: Mad Dog & Butcher Vachon, 2. Brown & Roberts, 3. Joe & Paul LeDuc, 4. Kowalski & Mad Dog Vachon.

GEORGIA: 1. Buddy Colt, El Mongol, 3. Buddy Colt, 4. Robert Soto, 5. Assassin #2.

GEORGIA TAG: 1. Assassins, 2. Fuller & Gunkel, 3. Assassins, 4. Akbar & Baker, 5. Steinborn & Apollo.

AMERICAS TAG (Los Angeles): 1. Saito & Shibuya, 2. Dixon & Maynard, 3. Shibuya & Goliath, 4. Dixon & Mata, 5. Shibuya & Kowalski, 6. Mendoza & Mata, 7. Shibuya & Saito, 8. Juarez & Froelich, 9. Goliath & Gordman.

CANADIAN OPEN TAG: 1. Kiniski & Brown, 2. Savage & Little Bear, 3. Brown & Quinn, 4. Little Bear & Savage, 5. Brown & Quinn, 6. Little Bear & Savage, 7. Brown & Quinn.

TEXAS: 1. Johnny Valentine, 2. Jose Lothario, 3. Red Bastien, 4. Stan Stasiak, 5. Lothario.

SOUTHERN TAG (Ky-Tenn): 1. Interns, 2. Jackie & Roughhouse Fargo, 3. Interns, 4. Sullivan & Rossi, 5. Bounty Hunters, 6. J. Fargo & Jerry Jarrett.

XIV. THE LONGEST MATCH OF THE YEAR WAS BETWEEN DORY FUNK SR. AND CICLON NEGRO. IT WAS HELD IN AMARILLO AND TOOK 1 HOUR, 44 MINUTES. THERE WERE 27 FALLS IN THE DEATH MATCH WITH FUND WINNING 15 OF THEM, BEFORE CICLON COULD NOT ANSWER THE BELL FOR THE NEXT FALL. . . EUGENE, OREGON HAD A 10-MAN TAG MATCH WITH ROCCO, SAVAGE, MAYNE, SINGH & HUNTER BEATING SKULL, RAMOS, BORNE, SASAKI & APACHE GRING.

XV. MANAGERS TRADE WRESTLERS: One of the strangest developments of the year saw manager Homer O'Dell trade the contracts of his tag team of the Missouri Mauler & Brute Bernard to Gary Hart for Hart's team of Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson.

I. DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS

12-1, Los Angeles

1. Juan Rivas b El Sicodelico, dq.
2. Jan Madrid d LaPantera Negra
3. Great Goliath b Sal Lothario
4. Kinji Shibuya d Black Gordman
5. Ripper Collins b Prince Maivia
6. Ruben Juarez b Karl Krupp, dq.
7. Victor Rivera b Ernie Ladd

12-1, Hammond, Ind.

1. Billy Red Cloud b Ken Dillinger
2. Art Thomas b Higo Hamaguchi
3. Cowboy Ellis nc Baron von Raschke
4. Lanza-Mulligan b Cholak-Snyder

12-1, Atlanta, Ga.

1. Bearcat Wright b Ron Hill
2. Darrell Cochran b Jim Valentine
3. Fuller-Welch b Evans-Austin
4. Hiro Matsuda b Don Curtis
5. Jake Smith b Masked Marvel
6. Jerry Jarrett b Don Greene
7. Eddie Graham b Doug Gilbert
8. Bob Armstrong b Bill Watts, dq.

12-1, Charleston

1. Charlie Fulton b Joe Soto
2. Mike Hall b Tony Romano
3. Evileye Gordon d Randy Curtis
4. Klondike Bill b Pancho Valdez
5. Dick Shannon b Randy Curtis
6. Weaver-Neilson b Hawk-Hanson

12-1, Richmond

1. Les Thatcher d The Menace
2. George Harris b Billy Hines
3. Luke Brown b Matti Suzuki
4. DuBois-Sweetan b Furr-Ringo
5. Bobby-Terry Kay b Gene-Ole Anderson

12-1, N. Attleboro, Mass.

1. Miguel Feliciano b Dean Ross, dq.
2. Paul Figaro b Ben Ortez
3. Tony Garea b Black Jack Slade
4. Mr. Fuji b El Olimpico
5. Pedro Morales b Toru Tanaka, cor.

12-1, Niagara Falls

1. Carlos Rocha b Lee Henning
2. Dan Miller b The Executioner
3. Lord Layton b Nikita Mulkovich
4. Dewey Robertson d The Beast
5. Sammartino-Parisi b Love Bros.

12-1, Tupelo, Miss.

1. Jimmy Kent b Ray Rowland
2. George Hultz b Rock Hunter
3. Bounty Hunters b Rossi-Brown

12-1, St. Louis

1. Sebastian-Ramirez b Justice-Bolus
2. George Steele b Bill Howard
3. Johnny Valentine b Hans Schmidt
4. Harley Race b Guy (Stomper) Mitchell
5. Dory Funk Jr. d Rufus Jones
6. Jack-Jerry Brisco b Dan-Bill Miller

12-2, Minneapolis

1. Larry Hennig d Rene Goulet
2. Don Muraco b Big K
3. Lang-Farmer b Little Tokyo-Billy Kid
4. Murdoch-Rhodes b Scott-Scarpello
5. Wahoo McDaniel b Ivan Koloff, dq.
6. Verne Gagne b Nick Bockwinkel

12-2, Detroit (Olympia)

1. Mark Manson b Paul Christy
2. Bobby Bold Eagle b Johnny Kace
3. Ken Dillinger d Prince Pullins
4. Beast-Wolfman b Snyder-Thomas, dq.
5. Cowboy Ellis b Baron von Raschke, dq.
6. Bruiser-Crusher b Lanza-Mulligan

12-2, Akron, Ohio

1. Sonny Boy Hayes b Frenchy Lamont
2. Executioner-R. Rougeau b Castillos
3. Jacques Rougeau b Baron Scicluna
4. Dom DeNucci b Johnny Valentine

12-2, Philadelphia

1. El Olimpico b Black Jack Slade
2. Sonny King b Chuck O'Connor
3. Buddy Wolfe b Tony Garea
4. Chief Strongbow b The Spoiler, cor.
5. Gorilla Monsoon b Pmetti-Turco
6. Rivera-Morales b Tanaka-Fuji, dq.

12-2, Melbourne, Australia

1. Lewin-Iaukea b Schroeder-Barnes
2. Carson-Dunn b Singh-Rickard
3. McCord-Golden b Miller-O'Dea
4. Bernard-Hart b Iaukea-Lewin
5. McCord-Golden b Carson-Dunn
6. McCord-Golden b Bernard-Hart

12-2, San Francisco

1. Manuel Cruz b John Sullivan
2. Samoans b von Goering-Beauregarde
3. Mephisto-Luke Graham-Shibuya b Gomez-Rocky Johnson-Sal Lothario
4. Patterson-Stevens b DeMarco-Anderson

12-2, Hereford, Tex.

1. Al Hayes b Mr. Wrestling, cor.
2. Marie LaVern b Estella Molina
3. Dory Sr.-Terry Funk b Tapia-Viking

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II. DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS

Bobby Shane

12-3, Toronto

1. Calhoun-Justice b Henning-Mulkovich
2. Tony Marino b Mike Loren
3. McKenzie-Igor b Schmidt-Klein
4. The Sheik b Pampero Firpo
5. Dan Miller b Ivan Kalmikoff
6. Johnny Valentine b Killer Brooks
7. Robertson-Layton b Marton-Brutus
8. von Hess-von Shotz d D. Miller-Siki
9. Love Bros. d Parisi-Beast
10. Chief Strongbow b Bull Johnson

12-3, Quebec City

1. Wiecz-Macera b Valois-Viking
2. O'Brien-Shelley b Destroyers
3. War Eagle-Goulet b Le Boeuf-Poisson
4. Jonathan-Kowalski b Le Duc Bros.
5. Mad Dog-Butcher Vachon b Brito-Bravo
6. Mulligan-Lanza d Carpentier-Ferre
7. Jackie Wiecz won battle royal

12-3, Osh Kosh, Wis. (afternoon)

1. Rene Goulet b George Gadaski
2. Billy Graham b George Scott
3. Lanie Kealoha b Ivan Koloff, dq.
4. Billy Robinson b Nick Bockwinkel

12-3, Omaha, Nebr.

1. Big K b Kenny Jay
2. Dawn Lemke b Kay Noble
3. Nick Bockwinkel b Reggie Parks
4. Ivan Koloff b Ramon Torres

12-4, Birmingham

1. Gilbert-Dromo b Myatt-Hamilton
2. Marlin-Fargo d Hart-Parente
3. Jarrett-Yammamoto b Interns

12-4, Ottawa

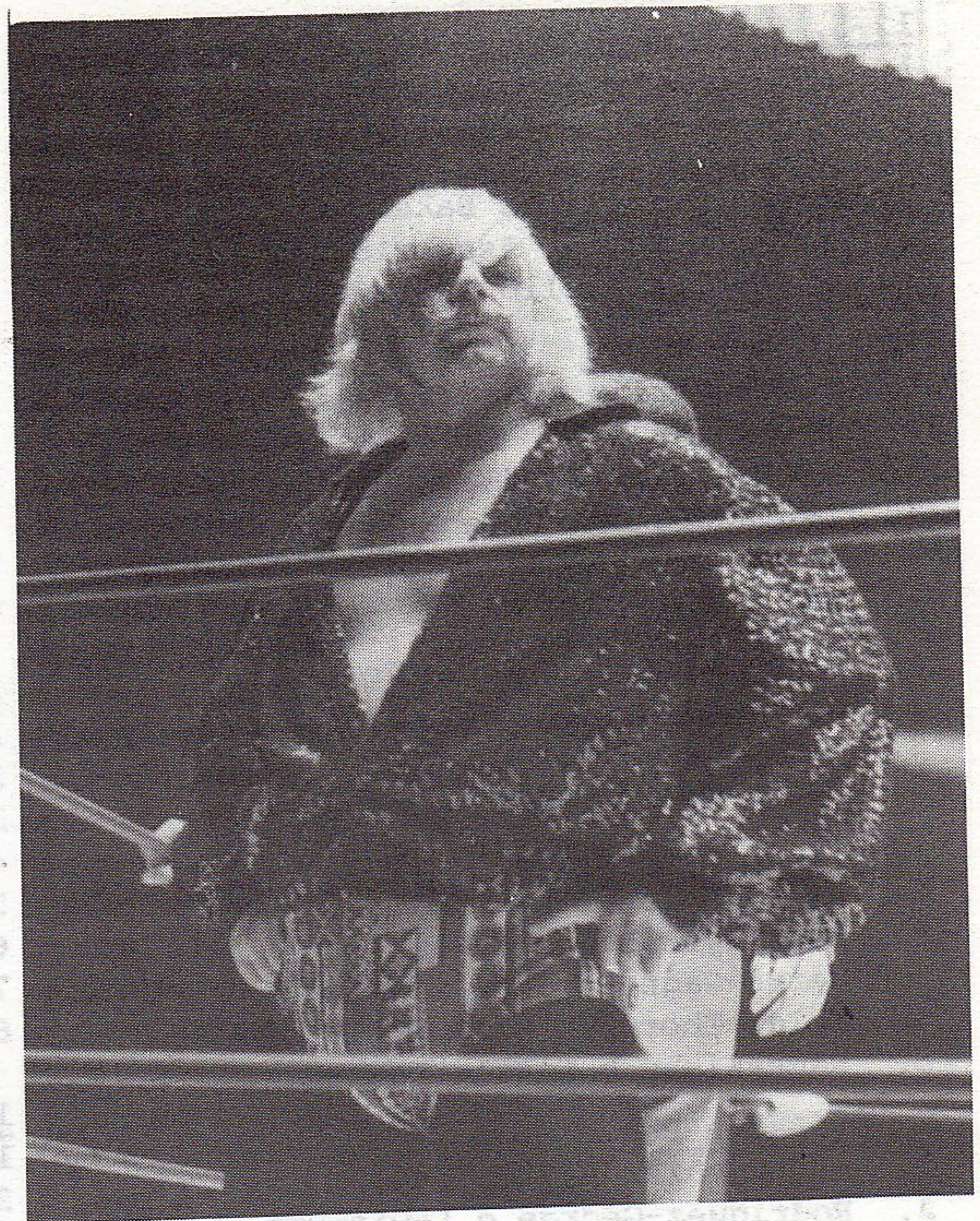
1. Jackie Wiecz d Ronald Thibeault
2. Len Shelley b Zarinoff Le Boeuf
3. Gilles Poisson b Jean War Eagle
4. Vachons b Brovo-Brito
5. Le Duc Bros. b Lanza-Mulligan, dq.
6. Carpentier-Ferre b Jonathan-Kowalski

12-4, Fort Worth

1. Ricky Thompson b Gorilla Marconi
2. Fred Curry b Joe Blanchard
3. Missouri Mauler b George Stricland
4. Red Lyons d Bobby Duncum
5. Johnny Valentine d Jose Lothario

12-4, Greenville, S.C.

1. Johnny Heidman b Tony Romano
2. Johnny Ringo b Jim Grabmire
3. Ronnie Garvin b George Harris
4. Alaskans b Curtis-Finlay
5. Weaver-Neilson b Boyd-Charles



12-4, Orlando, Fla.

1. Frank Hester b Wolfman Smith
2. Mike Graham b Mike Webster
3. Slater-Jones b The Ortons
4. Bobby Shane b Louie Tillet
5. Dory Funk Jr. b Tim Woods

12-4, Vancouver

1. Jacques Gagne d Sailor White
2. Buck Ramstead b John Foley
3. Duncan McTavish b Rock Hunter
4. Tank Morgan d Dean Higuchi
5. Jacobs-Morrow b Glenn-Montero
6. Dutch Savage b Bulldog Brown

12-4, Tulsa, Okla.

1. Mike George b L.D. Lewis
2. Jerry Miller d Tom Jones
3. Vicki Williams b Toni Rose
4. Dr. X b Bob Sweetan
5. Danny Hodge b Jimmy Valiant
6. Bill Watts b Tarzan Tyler

12-5, Tampa, Fla.

1. Kevin Sullivan b Bob Griffin
2. Boris Malenko b John Smith
3. Robert Fuller b Sputnik Monroe
4. Woods-M. Graham b Shane-Webster
5. Paul Jones b Big Bad John, dq.
6. Jack-Jerry Brisco b Dory-Terry Funk

III. DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS

12-5, Savannah, Ga.

1. Jesse James b Pedro Godoy
2. Bill Bowman b Wayne Cowan
3. The Avenger b Joe Turner
4. Oates-Seigler nc Baker-Akbar
5. Roberto Soto b Assassin #2, dq.
6. Steinborn-Apollo b Brown-Roberts

12-5, Louisville

1. Eddie Marlin d Great Fuji
2. Johnny Walker b Bill Costello
3. Hart-Parente b Interns
4. Len Rossi-Don Greene-Brown b
Jim White-Sam Bass-Jerry Lawler

12-5, Scranton

1. Tony Garea b Chuck O'Connor
2. Mr. Fuji d El Olimpico
3. Professor Tanaka b Sonny King, cor.
5. Pedro Morales b Buddy Wolfe

12-5, Des Moines, Ia.

1. Steve Bolus b Leo Seitz
2. Destroyer b Bobby Whitlock
3. Verne Gagne b Juan Sebastian
4. Atlas-Thornton b Ramirez-Howard
5. Race-Kirby b Little Bear-Campbell

12-6, Baton Rouge

1. Vic Muehler b Yasu Fuji
2. Rodriguez-George d Lewis-Pro
3. Smith-Muehler b Yokouchi-Fuji
4. Igor Putski b Dale Lewis

12-6, Nashville

1. George Hultz b Bill Dromo
2. Billy Wicks b Don Duffy
3. Parente-Hart nc L. Ross-Brown
4. Jarrett-Yammamoto nc Interns

12-6, Mobile, Ala.

1. Frank Dalton b George Grant
2. Argentina Zuma b Billy Spears
3. Mike Boyette b Eddie Sullivan
4. Gorgeous George Jr.-Dalton-Boyette b
Spears-Grant-Rip Tyler
5. Medic-Pro b Flash-Rocket Monroe
6. The Spoiler b Cowboy Bob Kelley

12-6, Miami

1. Corsica Jean b Pedro Columbo
2. Kevin Sullivan b Joe Nova
3. Bob Orton Jr. b Buck Robley
4. Frank Hester b Mike Webster
5. Mike Graham b Sputnik Monroe
6. Woods-B. B. John b Jones-Slater
7. Bobby Shane b Louie Tillet
8. Jack Brisco b Dory Funk Jr. dq.

12-6, San Antonio

1. Fred Curry b Bill Lehman
2. Missouri Mauler b Ricky Thompson
3. Duncum-Stasiak b Lyons-Strickland
4. Jose Lothario b Johnny Valentine, dq.

12-6, Sacramento

1. Pepper Gomez b Beauregarde
2. Manuel Cruz d Fritz von Goering
3. Mephisto-L. Graham b the Samoans
4. Patterson-Johnson b Anderson-DeMarco

12-6, Erie, N. Y.

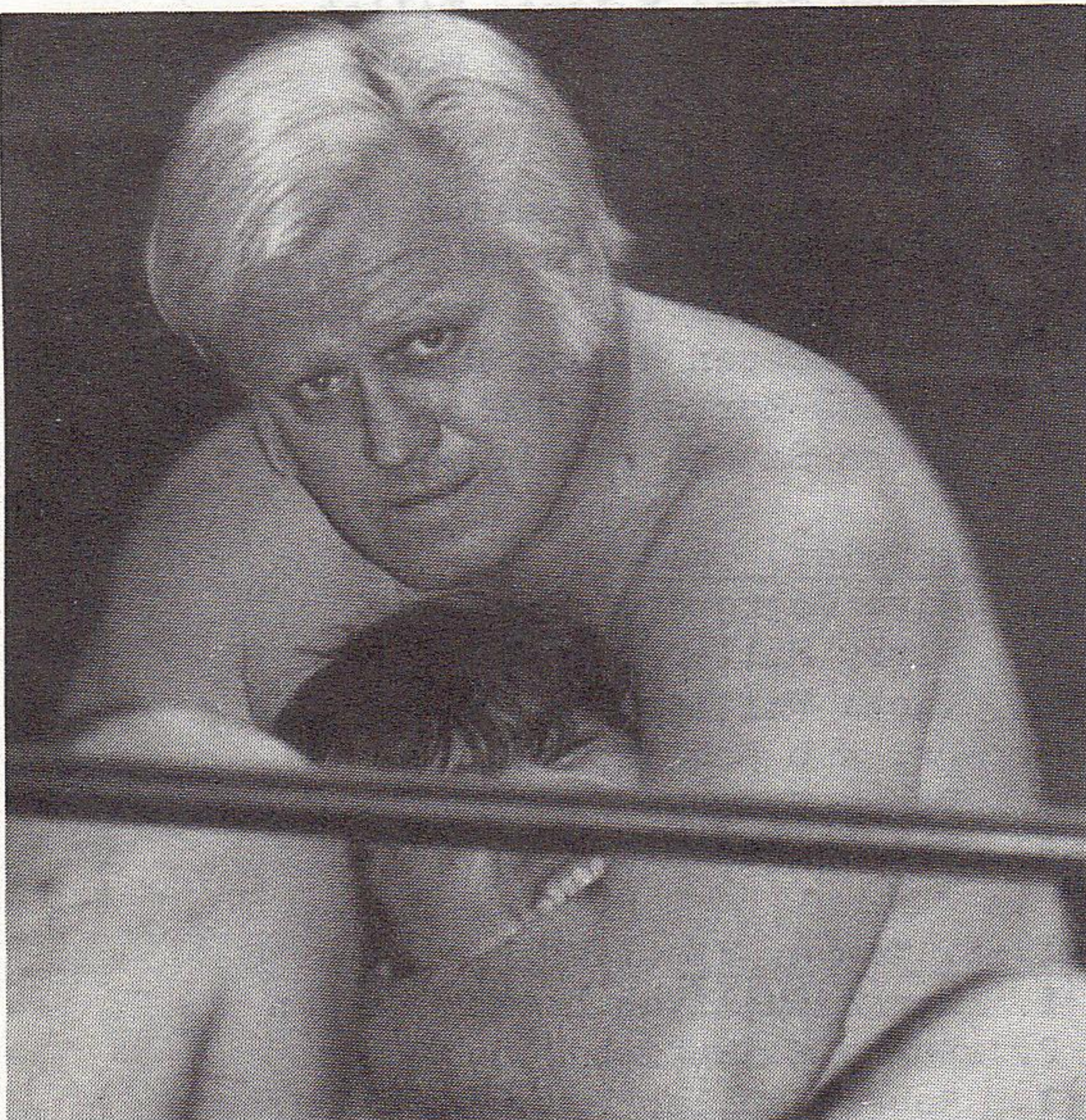
1. Luis Martinez b Bruce Swayze, dq.
2. Eric the Red-White Owl-Manuel Soto
b W. von Erich-Executioner-Scicluna
3. DeNucci-Parisi b Don-John Fargo

12-7, Cleveland

1. L. Louie-Hayes b Lamont-Adams
2. Waldo von Erich b Magnificent Zulu
3. Johnny Powers b Johnny Valentine, cor.
4. Martinez-Sonny Boy Hayes-Little Louie
b White Owl-Frenchy Lamont-Adams

12-7, Toledo, O.

1. Danny Miller b Pampero Firpo
2. Brooks-Steele b Marino-McKenzie, cor.
3. Psycho-Ben Justice-Haystacks b
Arakawa-von Hess-von Shotz
4. The Stomper b Jim Lancaster-Jerry
Graham-Rick O'Toole (handicap bout)



Jerry Brisco caught in Rip Hawk's headlock.

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IV. DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS

12-7 Norfolk, Va.

1. Matti Suzuki b Sandy Scott
2. Jack Brisco b Tinker Todd
3. Jerry Brisco d Johnny Weaver
4. Boyd-Charles b Hawk-Hanson

12-7, Wichita Falls, Tex.

1. Grable-Williams b Rose-Christantello
2. Ramon Torres b Jerry Miller
3. Danny Hodge b Jimmy Valiant

12-7, Amarillo, Tex.

1. The Viking b Nick Kozak
2. Romero-Wrestling d Starr-Quarry
3. Al Hayes b Mike Paidousis
4. Terry-Dory Sr. Funk nc Ladd-James

12-7, Victoria, B.C.

1. Jacques Gagne b Sailor White
2. Buck Ramstead d Dean Higuchi
3. McTavish-Parker b Glenn-LaChance
4. Eddie Morrow b Tank Morgan
5. Bulldog Brown b Abe Jacobs

12-7, Jacksonville, Fla.

1. Kevin Sullivan b Phil Robley
2. Frank Hester b Mike Webster
3. Mike Graham b Sputnik Monroe
4. Bobby Shane b Louie Tillet
5. The Ortons b Smith-Slater
6. Colt-Jones b Woods-B.B. John, dq.
7. Jack Brisco b Dory Funk Jr.

12-8, Denver, Colo.

1. Rene Goulet d Reggie Parks
2. Billy Graham b Don Muraco
3. Littlebrook-Tokyo b Lang-Kid
4. Billy Robinson b Dick Murdoch
5. Verne Gagne b Dusty Rhodes

12-8, No. Attleboro

1. El Olimpico b Black Jack Slade
2. Tony Garea b Joe Turco
3. Chuck O'Connor b Gorilla Monsoon
4. Strongbow-King b Tanaka-Fuji, dq.

12-8, Richmond

1. Sandy Scott d Masked Menace
2. Swede Hanson b Les Thatcher
3. Bobby-Terry Kay b Gene-Ole Anderson
4. Sweetan-DuBois b Brisco-Garvin
5. Thunderbolt Patterson b Rip Hawk, cor.

12-8, Charleston

1. Tinker Todd b Terry Sawyer
2. Joe Furr b Mike Hall
3. Nelson Royal b Charlie Fulton
4. Gordon-Shannon b Brown-Klondike
5. Weaver-Neilson b Boyd-Charles

12-8, Lynchburg, Va.

1. Tony Romano b Jim Grabmire
2. Pancho Valdez b Billy Hines
3. George Harris b Johnny Heidman
4. The Alaskans b Ringo-Curtis
5. Matti Suzuki b Jim Dillon

12-8, Atlanta (Jones Promotion)

1. Hiro Matsuda b Red Dupree
2. Jerry Jarrett b Don Greene
3. Fuller-Welch b Monroe-Austin, dq.
4. Fritz von Erich b Don Curtis
5. Armstrong-Cochran b DeMarco-Keomouka
6. Eddie Graham b Doug Gilbert
7. Dory Funk Jr. b Jack Brisco, dq.

12-8, Atlanta (Gunkel Promotion)

1. Ted Oates b Joe Turner
2. Bill Bowman b Jerry Oates
3. El Mongol b Ox Baker
4. Steinborn-Apollo b Roberts-Brown
5. Roberto Soto b Assassin #2, dq.

12-9, Detroit (Cobo)

1. Jerry Graham b Magnificent Zulu
2. L. Louie-Hayes b Lamont-Adams
3. Psycho-Klein-Igor-Haystacks b B. Miller-Schmidt-Loren-Arakawa, dq.
4. Strongbow-Marino b Love Bros.
5. Brooks-Siki b McKenzie-Robetson
6. The Sheik b Dan Miller, cor.
7. Von Hess-von Shotz b Stomper-Justice
8. Pampero Firpo b Johnny Valentine.

12-9, Indianapolis, Ind.

1. Jose Martinez b Benny Jarrels
2. Mark Manson b Prince Pullins
3. Bobby Heenan b Gil Guerrero
4. Bobby Bold Eagle b Ken Dillinger
5. Ernie Ladd b Billy Red Cloud
6. Wilbur Snyder b Higo Hamaguchi
7. Baron von Raschke b Bob Ellis, dq.
8. Bruiser-Crusher b Lanza-Mulligan

12-9, Sarasota, Fla.

1. Kevin Sullivan b Bob Griffin
2. Frank Hester b Joe Nova
3. Don Curtis b John Smith
4. Dale Lewis d Bobby Shane
5. Colt-Jones b Brisco-Tillet
6. Dory Funk Jr. b Tim Woods

12-9, Hereford, Tex.

1. The Viking d Ricki Starr
2. Tapia-Red Devil b Quarry-Wrestling
3. Hank James b Ricky Romero

12-10, San Jose, Calif.

1. The Samoans b L. Graham- von Goering
2. Cruz-Johnson b Anderson-De Marco, dq
3. Mephisto b Pepper Gomez.

V. DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS

Wahoo McDaniel vs "Superstar" Graham

12-10, Minneapolis

- 1. George Scott b George Gadaski
- 2. Lang-Farmer b Kid-L. Tokyo
- 3. Ken Patera b Rene Goulet
- 4. Ivan Koloff b Lanie Kealoha
- 5. Dusty Rhodes b Don Muraco
- 6. Billy Graham b Wahoo McDaniel, dq.

12-11, Moline, Ill.

- 1. Bob Bruggers b Joe Scarpello
- 2. Rene Goulet d George Scott
- 3. Wahoo McDaniel b Billy Graham

12-11, Birmingham, Ala.

- 1. Jerry Jarrett b Ken Dillinger
- 2. Frankie Laine b Intern #1
- 3. McGuire Twins-Laine-Jarrett b Interns-Fuji-Dillinger
- 4. Yamamoto-Gilbert b Hart-Parente

12-11, Orlando, Fla.

- 1. Kevin Sullivan b Bob Griffin
- 2. L. Bruiser-Reb b Wilson-Billy Kid
- 3. Lewis-Woods b Markoff-Webster
- 4. Paul Jones b Bob Orton
- 5. Eddie Graham b Stephen
- 6. Louie Tillet b Bobby Shane

12-11, Baltimore, Md.

- 1. Tony Garea b Vincente Pometti
- 2. Manuel Soto b Al Nelson
- 3. Victor Rivera b Chuck O'Connor
- 4. Sonny King b The Spoiler
- 5. L. Beaver-Haiti b L. Brutus-Sky Low
- 6. Bobo Brazil b Ernie Ladd, cor.
- 7. Pedro Morales b Buddy Wolfe

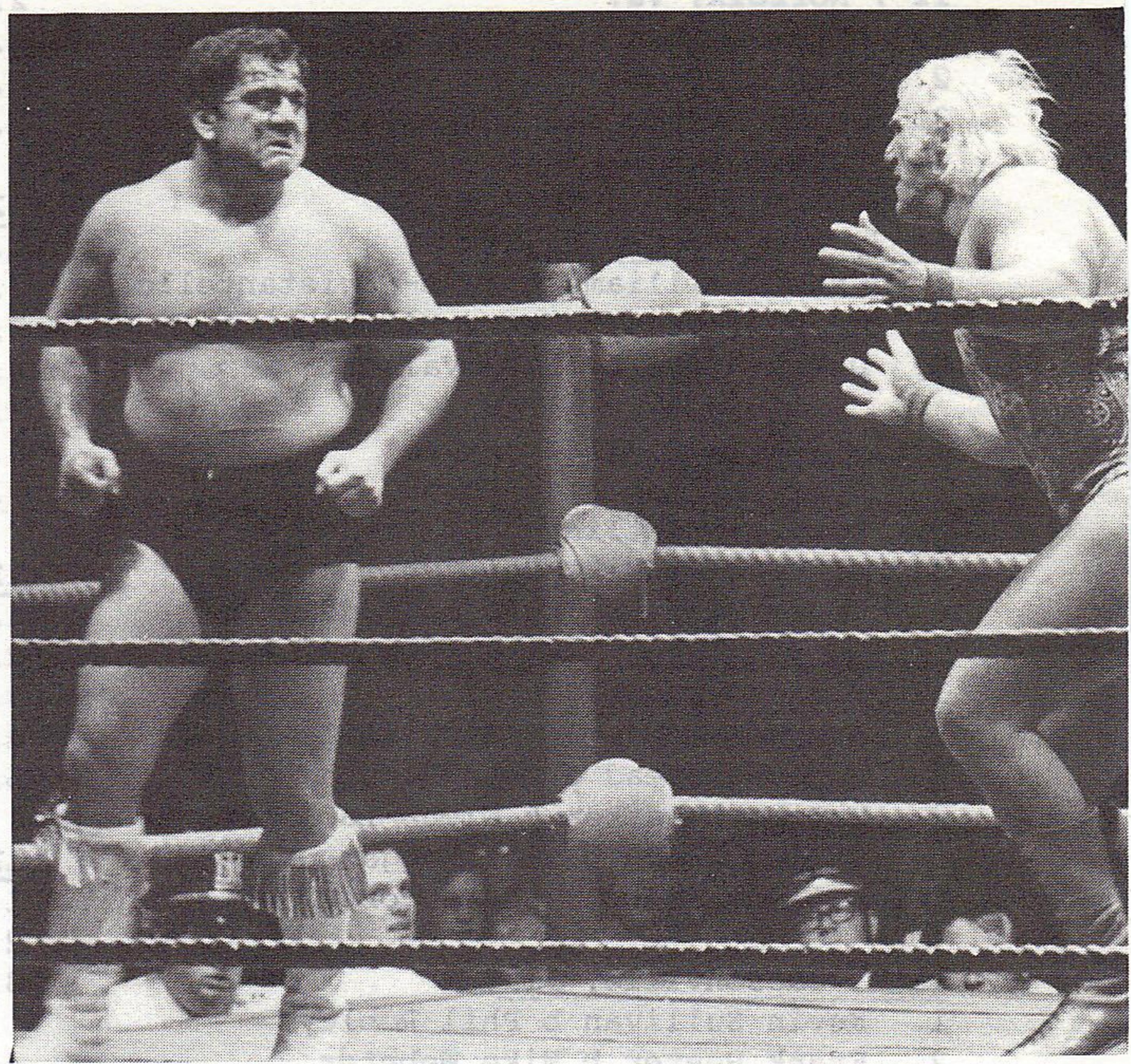
12-11, El Paso, Tex.

- 1. Mr. Wrestling d Ricky Starr
- 2. Hayes-N. Kozak b Quarry-Tapia
- 3. Ricky Romero b The Viking
- 4. Terry Funk b Hank James
- 5. Dory Funk Jr. b Black Devil

12-11, Vancouver

- 1. Jeet Singh-Rock Hunter-J. Gagne b Sailor White-John Foley-Bence
- 2. Ray Glenn d Buck Ramstead
- 3. Eddie Morrow b Sailor White
- 4. Duncan McTavish b Tank Morgan
- 5. Sandy Parker b Terry La Chance
- 6. Brown-Bernard b Jacobs-Higuchi
- 7. Gene Kiniski b Dutch Savage

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12-12, Peoria, Ill.

- 1. Big K b Bob Kappel
- 2. Joe Scarpello d Bob Bruggers
- 3. Dawn Lemke b Kay Noble
- 4. Billy Graham b George Scott
- 5. Wahoo McDaniel b Ivan Koloff

12-12, Tampa, Fla.

- 1. Kevin Sullivan b Scott Casey
- 2. L. Bruiser-Reb b Wilson-Billy Kid
- 3. Dale Lewis b Jim McKenny
- 4. Ron & Robert Fuller & Mike Graham b Bobby Shane-Chris Markoff-Stephen
- 5. Jack Brisco b Paul Jones, dq.
- 6. Tim Woods b Buddy Colt

12-12, Savannah, Ga.

- 1. Arman Hussein b Carlos Montez
- 2. Jerry Oates b Masked Marvel
- 3. Buddy Fuller b Boris Malenko, dq.
- 4. Don Curtis b Hiro Matsuda
- 5. Eddie Graham b Don Carson
- 6. Klondike Bill b Rip Tyler
- 7. Klondike Bill won the battle royal.

12-13, Fargo, N. D.

- 1. Rene Goulet b Rick Flair
- 2. Ken Patera b Larry Hennig, dq.
- 3. Lang-Pete b L. Tokyo-Billy Kid
- 4. Lanie Kealoha b Dick Murdoch

VI. DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS

12-13, Miami, Fla.

1. Bob Griffin b Mike Webster
2. Frank Hester b Jim McKenney
3. Paul Jones b Dale Lewis
4. Bobo Johnson-Wee Willie-Dagmar b Johnny Reb-Little Bruiser-Lil
5. Louie Tillet b Stephen
6. Markoff-Shane b M. Graham-Sullivan
7. Big Bad John b Buddy Colt

12-13, San Antonio, Tex.

1. Bennie Mata d Bill Lehman
2. Fred Curry b Frank Marconi
3. Stan Stasiak b George Strickland
4. Duncum-Mauler b Lyons-Lothario

12-13, Nashville, Tenn.

1. George Hultz b Vick Nichols
2. Jimmy Valiant b Tony Santos
3. J. Rossi-Brown b Interns
4. J. Rossi-Brown b Lawler-White, dq.
5. Yamamoto-Jarrett b Interns

12-14, Hull, Ont.

1. Daniel Robert d Del Skinner
2. Purdy-Lefebvre d Gagnon-Guimond
3. Dom Denucci-Tony Parisi-J. Rougeau b John & Don Fargo & Eric the Red
4. Waldo von Erich b Tony Baillargeon
5. Karl Krupp b Beast Martin
6. L. Robert-R. Rougeau b Castillos, dq.

12-14, Toledo, O.

1. Lou Klein b Chuck Richards
2. Ben Justice b Jim Lancaster
3. The Psycho b Dr. Beech
4. The Stomper b Mitsu Arakawa
5. McKenzie-Marino-Calhoun b von Hess-von Sholtz-Graham, dq.
6. L. Louie-Hayes b Lamont-Adams
7. Bobo Brazil b Killer Brooks, dq.
8. Pampero Firpo b Dan Miller

12-14, Amarillo, Tex.

1. Nick Kozak b The Viking
2. Hayes-Romero-Ricki Starr b Black Devil-Tapia-Quarry
3. Hank James b Mr. Wrestling
4. James-JoJo b Black Devil-Dykes
5. Dory Funk Jr. b Jack Brisco

12-14, Winnipeg, Man.

1. Lanie Kealoha b Bobby Jones
2. Larry Hennig b Bob Bruggers
3. Ken Patera b Rene Goulet
4. Lang-Farmer b L. Tokyo-Billy Kid
5. Angelo Mosca b Dick Murdoch, dq.
6. Billy Robinson nc Billy Graham

12-15, Rockford, Ill.

1. Dick Murdoch b George Scott
2. Lang-Farmer b L. Toyko-Billy Kid
3. Ivan Koloff b Rene Goulet
4. Billy Robinson b Nick Bockwinkel

12-15, Boston, Mass.

1. Tony Garea b Chuck O'Connor
2. L. Beaver-Haiti b L. Brutus-Sky Low
3. Joe Turco b Vince Pometti
4. Ray Stevens b Sonny King
5. Pedro Morales b Buddy Wolfe
6. Tanaka-Fuji b Monsoon-El Olimpico

12-15, Pittsburgh, Pa.

1. Chief White Owl b Bull Johnson
2. Para-Medic b Bill Matucci
3. Raoul-Fidel Castillo d Martinez-Paris
4. Igor Vodik b Executioner
5. Marino-W. von Erich b Don-John Fargo dq.

12-15, Los Angeles

1. La Pantera Negra b Brother Joseph
2. Prince Maivia b Vigilante #1
3. El Sicodelico b The Outlaw
4. Sal Lothario b Masked Texas
5. Billy Rogers b Rick Drasin
6. Kinji Shibuya d Ripper Collins
7. Juan Rivas b Salvatore Lothario
8. Negra-Maivia b Collins-Madrid
9. Gordman-Goliath b Juarez-Rivera
10. John Tolos b Ernie Ladd

12-15, Houston, Tex.

1. Tiger Conway Jr. b Gorilla Marconi
2. Don Serrano b George Strickland
3. Missouri Mauler b Billy Lyons
4. Lothario-F. Curry b Stasiak-Rhodes
5. Wahoo McDaniel b Bobby Duncum

12-15, Atlanta, Ga.

1. Jerry Oates b Carlos Montez
2. Roy Welch b Jack Evans
3. Eddie Graham b Masked Marvel, dq.
4. Bill Dromo d Doug Gilbert
5. Norvel Austin-Sputnik-Rocket Monroe b Ron-Robert & Buddy Fuller, dq.
6. Bob Armstrong b Buddy Colt
7. Danny Hodge b Hiro Matsuda

12-15, Charleston

1. Pancho Valdez b Johnny Ringo
2. Sue Green & Debbie Johnson b Peggy Patterson & Paula Kaye
3. Ronnie Garvin b George Harris
4. Art Neilson b Swede Hanson
5. Jerry Brisco b Rip Hawk, cor.

VII. DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS

12-15, Richmond

1. Randy Curtis b Evil eye Gordon
2. Joe Furr d Dick Shannon
3. Boyd-Charles b Royal-Martinelli
4. Bobby-Terry Kay b Sweetan-DuBois

12-16, Philadelphia

1. Al Nelson b Joe Turco, dq.
2. Manuel Soto b Chuck O'Connor, cor.
3. Mr. Fuji d Tony Garea
4. Professor Tanaka b Sonny King
5. Ray Stevens b El Olimpico
6. L. Brutus-Sky Low b L. Beaver-Haiti
7. Chief Strongbow b The Spoiler
8. Pedro Morales b Buddy Wolfe

12-17, Toronto

1. McKenzie-Marino d Love Bros.
2. Hayes-L. Louie b Lamont-Adams
3. Justice-Calhoun d von Hess-Shotz
4. Parisi-Igor b Brooks-D. Miller
5. Layton-Robertson b Christie-Brutus
6. Beast-Siki b Schmidt-Klein
7. Pampero Firpo b Ivan Kalmikoff
8. Chief Strongbow b Mike Loren
9. Tiger Jeet Singh b Lee Henning
10. The Sheik nc Johnny Valentine

12-17, Green Bay

1. Rick Flair d Big K
2. Bob Bruggers b Dusty Rhodes, dq.
3. Ken Patera b Rene Goulet
4. Dick Murdoch d Reggie Parks
5. Billy Graham b George Scott
6. Wahoo McDaniel b Ivan Koloff
7. Billy Graham won battle royal

12-17, Louisville, Ky.

1. Lucas-Hall b Fuji-Hultz
2. D. Green-Wayne b Kurt-Karl Fritz
3. Lawler-White b Yamamoto-Jarrett

12-18, Birmingham, Ala.

1. Johnny Walker b Jim Williams
2. Lawler-White b Brown-Laine
3. Lucas-Hall b Fuji-Hultz
4. Hart-Parente b Yamamoto-Gilbert

12-18, Madison Square Garden

1. Joe Turco b Black Jack Slade
2. Tony Garea b Vincente Pometti
3. Goliath b Manuel Soto
4. Buddy Wolfe d Sonny King
5. Pedro Morales b Ray Stevens
6. Gorilla Monsoon b Chuck O'Connor
7. Mil Mascaras b The Spoiler
8. Rivera-Olympico b Dory Sr.-Terry Funk

12-18, Fort Worth

1. Joe Blanchard b Bennie Mata
2. Mike Paidousis b Tiger Conway
3. Missouri Mauler b Nick Kozak
4. Bobby Duncum b Fred Curry
5. Jose Lothario won 3-man bout from Johnny Valentine & Stan Stasiak

12-18, El Paso

1. Tapia d Chavo Guerro
2. Alex Perez b Mack Quarry
3. Ricky Starr b The Viking
4. Hayes-J. Kozak d Murdoch-James
5. Ricky Romero b Bull Ramos

12-18, Tulsa, Okla.

1. Suni War Cloud b Gene Lewis
2. The Pro d Treach Phillips
3. Tarzan Tyler b Tom Jones
4. Sweetan-J. Miller b Hodge-Dr. X

12-18, Vancouver

1. Eric Froelich b John Foley
2. Eddie Morrow b Jacques Gagne
3. Buck Ramstead b Sailor White
4. Dean Higuchi b Ray Glenn
5. Savage-McTavish b Montero-Morgan
6. Gene Kiniski b Bulldog Brown

12-18, Quebec City

1. Paul LeDuc d Frank Valois
2. Brito-Bravo b Poisson-Loboeuf
3. Raschke-Mulligan d War Eagle-Two Rivers
4. Don Leo Jonathan d Joe LeDuc
5. Killer Kowalski b Jean Ferre
6. Vachons b Wiecz-Carpentier

12-18, Orlando, Fla.

1. Bob Griffin b Wolfman Smith
2. The Ortons b Goulet-Slater
3. Darling Dagmar b Diamond Lil
4. Graham-Sullivan b Harris-Stephen
5. Dale Lewis b Chris Markoff
6. Buddy Colt b Tim Woods
7. Louie Tillet b Bobby Shane

12-19, Tampa, Fla.

1. Frank Hester b George Harris
2. Darling Dagmar b Diamond Lil
3. Mike Graham b Rene Goulet
4. Dale Lewis b Chris Markoff, dq.
5. Tim Woods b Bobby Shane
6. Brisco-B. B. John b Colt-Jones, dq.

12-19, Memphis, Tenn.

1. Billy Wicks b Jimmy Kent
2. Lucas-Hall d Lawler-White
3. Bounty Hunters b D. Greene-Brown
4. Yamamoto-Jarrett-Jackie Fargo d Don Duffy-Bobby Hart-Parente

VIII. DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS

12-20, Jackson, Tenn.

1. Melvin Kimble & Tommy Gilbert b George Hultz & Purple Destroyer, dq.
2. Lilly Thomas d Sandy Partlow
3. Hart-Parente b Laine-Walker

12-20, Miami, Fla.

1. Bob Griffin b Joe Nova
2. Frank Hester b Wolfman Smith
3. Kevin Sullivan b Don Richie
4. Dale Lewis b Chris Markoff, dq.
5. Darling Dagmar b Diamond Lil
6. Jack Brisco b Rene Goulet
7. Woods-B. B. John b Jones-Colt, dq.

12-20, San Antonio

1. Ivan Putski b Bill Lehman
2. Susie Green b Paula Kaye
3. Black Jack Mulligan b Bobby Duncum dq.
4. Wahoo McDaniel b Stan Stasiak
5. Jose Lothario b Dusty Rhodes

12-20, Baton Rouge

1. Chatti Yokouchi b Igor Putski
2. Silento Rodriguez d George Strickland
3. Duke Meyers b Mike George
4. Smith-Putski b Yokouchi-Fuji, dq.

12-21, New Orleans

1. Suni War Cloud b Mike George
2. Silento Rodriguez b Gene Lewis
3. Jerry Miller b Danny Hodge
4. The Professional b Treach Phillips
5. Dr. X-Smith b Sweetan-Tyler

12-21, Hattiesburg, Miss.

1. Frank Dalton b Bad Boy Hines
2. Arman Hussein b The Liberator
3. Bobby Fields b Rip Tyler
4. Frank Dalton won Battle royal
5. The Spoiler b The Medic

12-21, Jacksonville, Fla.

1. Bob Orton b Wolfman Smith
2. Bobo Johnson-Wee Wilson-Dagmar b L. Bruiser-Johnny Reb-Diamond Lil
3. Hester-Sullivan b Robley-Slater
4. Mike Graham b Jim McKenney
5. Markoff-Shane b Lewis-Woods
6. Jack Brisco b Paul Jones
7. Big Bad John b Buddy Colt

12-22, Houston, Tex.

1. Dusty Rhodes b Don Serrano
2. Bobby Duncum d Nick Kozak
3. Susan Green b Paula Kaye
4. Wahoo McDaniel b T-Bolt Patterson
5. Jose Lothario b Professor Tanaka
6. Ernie Ladd b Johnny Valentine

12-22, Atlanta, Ga.

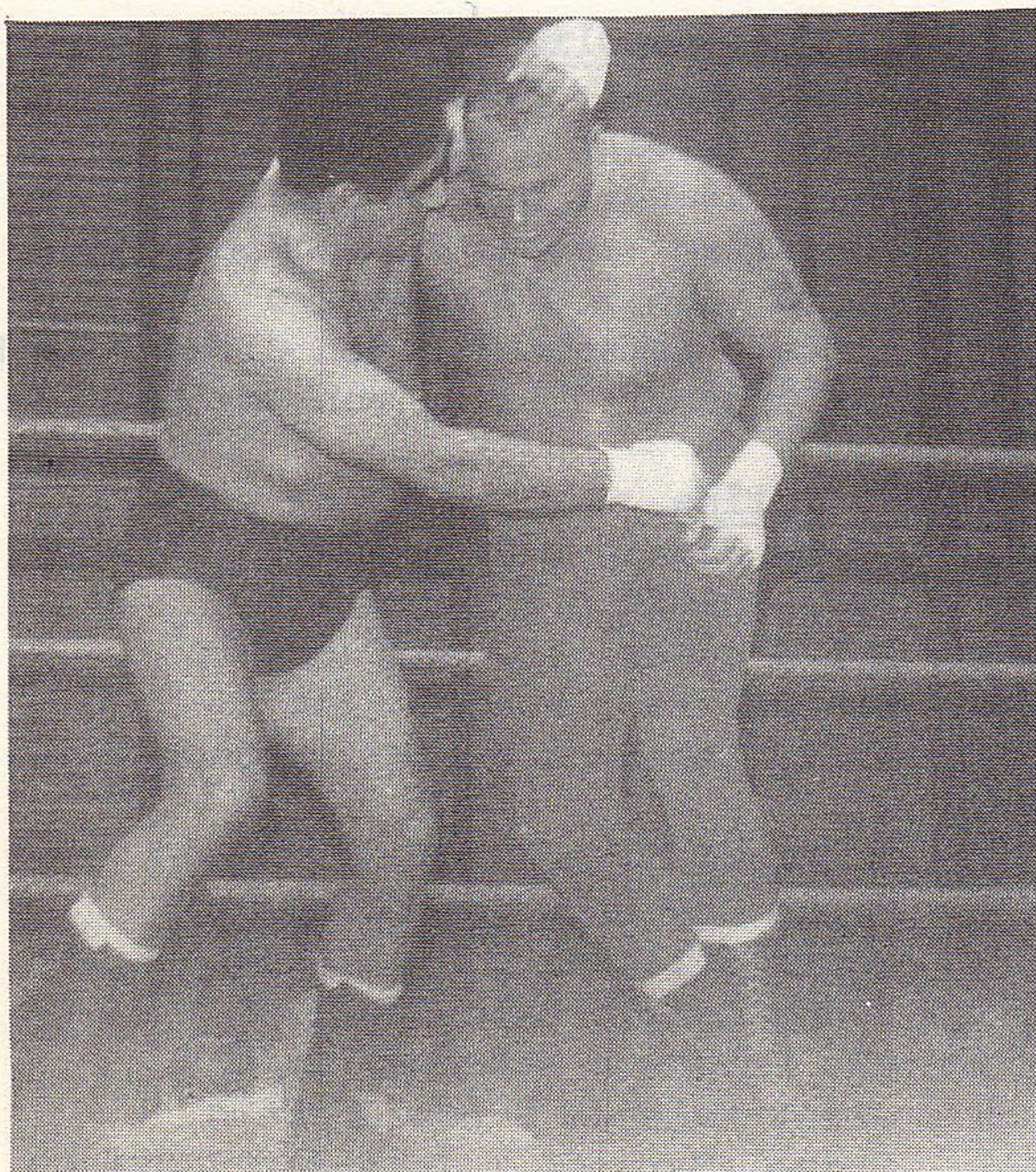
1. Smith-Johnson b Harris-Patterson
2. Cochran-Dupree b The Monroes, dq.
3. Bill Dromo b Doug Gilbert
4. Klondike Bill b Rip Hawk
5. Jerry Oates b Jack Evans
6. Mike-Ed Graham b Austin-Marvel
7. Danny Hodge b Dale Lewis
8. Buddy Colt b Bob Armstrong

12-23, Detroit (Cobo)

1. Psycho-Zulu b The Medics
2. Hans Schmidt d Sonny King
3. Singh-Calhoun b Graham-Zebra Kid
4. Dan Miller b Baron Scicluna, dq.
5. Stomper-Justice b von Hess-F. Diamond
6. Red Lyons b Gary Fulton
7. Sweet Daddy Siki nc Igor Vodik
8. Tony Marino b Killer Brooks, dq.
9. The Sheik nc Johnny Valentine
10. Bobo Brazil b Pampero Firpo
11. Tex McKenzie b Mitsu Arakawa

12-23, St. Petersburg, Fla.

1. Frank Hester b Joe Nova
2. Kevin Sullivan b Jim McKenney
3. Wee Willie Wilson-Billy Kid-Dagmar b L. Bruiser-Johnny Reb-Kiamond Lil
4. Ron-Robt. Fuller b Smith-Slater
5. Tim Woods-Mike Graham-Dale Lewis b Bobby Shane-Chris Markoff-Robley
6. Jack Brisco b Buddy Colt
7. Big Bad John b Paul Jones



IX. DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS

12-23, Hammond, Ind.

1. Jimmy Valiant b Johnny Kace
2. Higo Hamaguchi b Jose Martinez
3. Billy Red Cloud b Mark Manson
4. Bob Ellis-Art Thomas-Snyder b Mulligan-von Raschke-Heenan

12-23, Portland, Ore.

1. Haru Sasaki d Rocky Montero
2. Bull Ramos b Antonio Rocca
3. Dutch Savage b Karl von Steiger, dq.
5. The Skull b Ricky Hunter
6. Dutch Savage won battle royal.

12-25, Memphis, Tenn.

1. Marlin-Gilbert b Purple Terror-Phillips
2. Fuji-Murasaki b Greene-Peale
3. Fargo-Jarrett b Bounty Hunters

12-25, Birmingham, Ala.

1. Brown-Jones d Hultz-Greene
2. Green Monsters b Laine-Nichols
3. Lucas-Hall d Lawler-White
4. Tojo Yamamoto d Lorenzo Parente
5. Johnny Walker won battle royal

12-25, Toledo, O.

1. George Steele d Sonny King
2. Von Hess-Von Sholtz d Marino-Justice
3. Haystacks Calhoun b Jerry Graham, dq.
4. Killer Brooks b Tex McKenzie, dq.
5. J. B. Psycho b Eddie Creatchman
6. Bobo Brazil b Mitsu Arakawa
7. The Sheik b The Stomper, cor.

12-25, Orlando, Fla.

1. Dick Ritchie b Bob Griffin
2. Frank Hester b Wolfman Smith
3. Sullivan-Fuller b McKenney-Slater
4. Tim Woods d Chris Markoff
5. Big Bad John b Buddy Colt, dq.

12-26, Tampa, Fla.

1. Don Ritchie b Ed Wiskowski
2. Frank Hester b Jim McKenney
3. Dick Slater b Bob Griffin
4. The Ortons b Smith-Nova
5. Dale Lewis d Hiro Matsuda
6. Big Bad John b Buddy Colt
7. Stephen-Bobby Shane-Markoff b Mike Graham-Great Malenko-Woods.

12-26, Dallas, Tex.

1. Tom Jones d Nick Kozak
2. Ivan Putski b Mike Paidousis
3. Missouri Mauler b Nick Kozak
4. Jose Lothario b Bobby Duncum
5. Fritz von Erich b Stan Stasiak

12-26, Vancouver

1. Sailor White b Jacques Gagne
2. Butts Giraud b John Foley
3. Eric Froelich d Buck Ramstead
4. Eddie Morrow b Tony Borne
5. Webster-Kiniski b Savage -McTavish

12-26, Willingboro, N.J.

1. Joe Turco b Ben Ortez
2. Arnold Skoaland b Chuck Richards
3. Victor Rivera b Black Jack Slade
4. Gorilla Monsoon b Professor Tanaka
5. Haiti Kid-L.Louie b L. Brutus-Sky Low, dq.

12-26, Savannah

1. Masked Marvel #2 b Leo Garibaldi
2. Jerry Oates b Masked Marvel #1
3. Norvel Austin b Bill Dromo
4. Fabulous Moolah b Barbara Owens
5. Fuller-K. Sullivan b Hill-Valentine

12-26, Louisville

1. Lucas-Hall b Costello-Santos
2. Johnny Walker b Ken Dillinger
3. Marlin-Gilbert b Bounty Hunters
4. Yamamoto-Jarrett-Jackie Fargo b Jim White-Sam Bass-Lawler, dq.

12-26, Des Moines

1. Argentina Zuma b Ben Ramirez
2. The Viking d Bobby Whitlock
3. Pat O'Connor b Bill Howard
4. Joe Scarpello b Leo Seitz
5. Race-Kirby b Geigel-Little Bear
6. Bob Geigel won battle royal

12-26, Indianapolis

1. Johnny Kace b Prince Pullins
2. Jimmy Valiant b Tom Lynch
3. Mitsu Arakawa b Jose Martinez
4. Mongolian Stomper b Frankie Adonis
5. Ernie Ladd b Gil Guerrero
6. Arakawa-Hamaguchi b Red Cloud-Bold Eagle
8. The Crusher d Baron von Raschke

12-26, Moline

1. Larry Hennig b Rick Flair
2. Ivan Koloff b Bullinski
3. Bob Bruggers b Jose Quintero
4. Ken Patera b Rene Goulet
5. Billy Robinson b Dick Murdoch

12-27, Miami

1. Frank Hester b Joe Nova
2. Kevin Sullivan b Dick Slater
3. Buddy Colt b Dale Lewis
4. The Ortons b McKenney-Smith
5. Great Malenko b Bob Griffin
6. Shane -Markoff b Jack-Jerry Brisco

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12-27, Buffalo

1. Don Serrano d Fidel Castillo
2. Eric the Red b Bull Johnson
3. Executioner b Karl von Krupp, dq.
4. Chief White Owl b Bruce Swayze, dq.
5. Darling Dagmar b Diamond Lil
6. Waldo von Erich nc Hans Schmidt
7. Ernie Ladd nc Johnny Valentine
8. Martinez-Parisi b Don-John Fargo, cor.

12-27, Ottawa

1. Paul LeDuc d Frank Valois
2. Bravo-Brito b Gregory-Petal
3. L. Beaver-Jerome b Adams-L.B. Blue
4. Joe LeDuc d Don Leo Jonathan
5. Poisson-Mosca b War Eagle-Two Rivers
6. Wiecz-Carpentier b Vachons, dq.
7. Killer Kowalski nc Jean Ferre

12-27, Sacramento

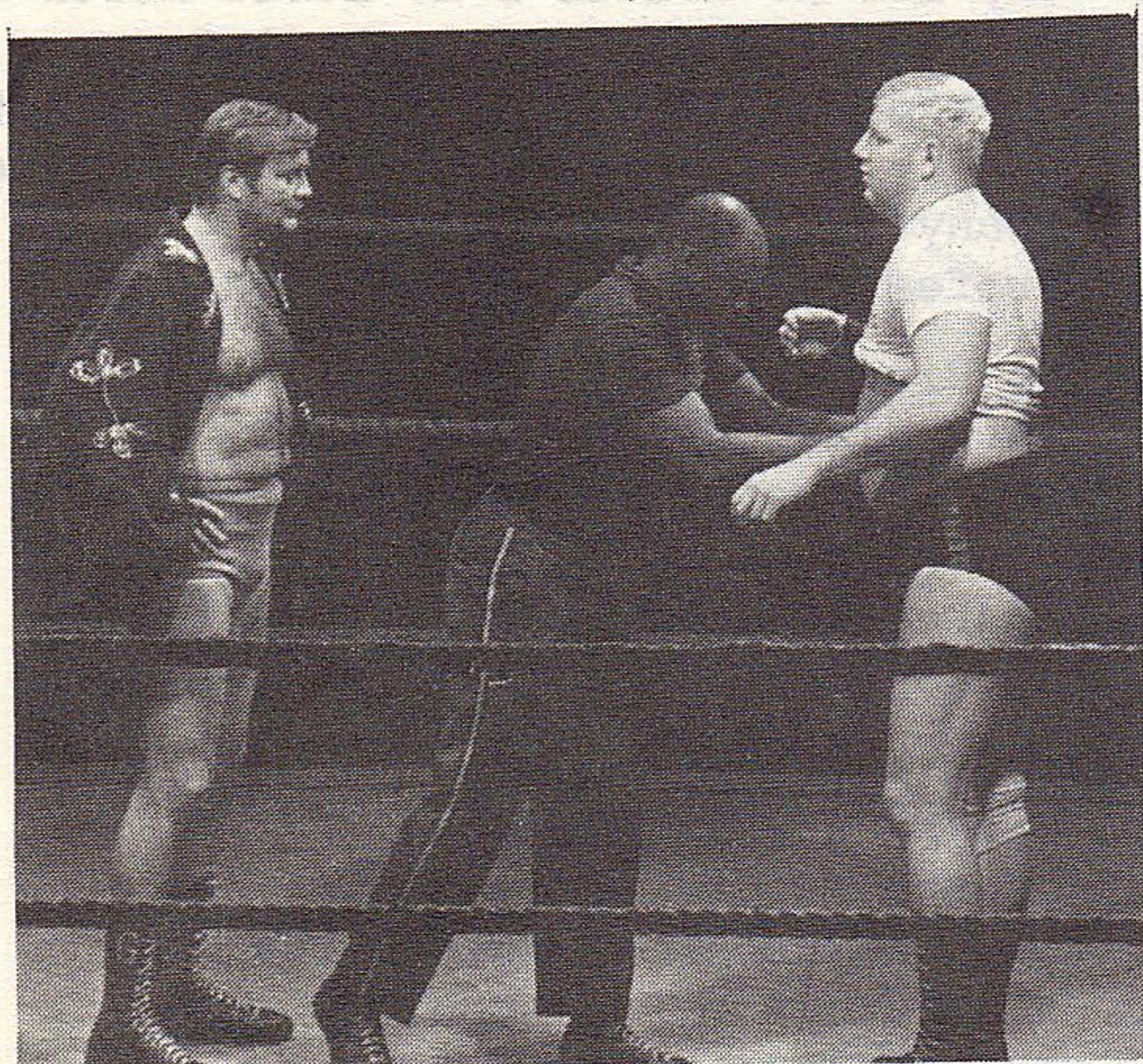
1. Manuel Cruz b Nick Adams
2. Red Bastien b Beauregarde
3. Great Mephisto b Reno Tufuli
4. Ted-Bear-Gomez b Graham-von Goering
5. Patterson-Johnson nc Anderson-DeMarco

12-27, San Antonio

1. Tom Jones b Bill Lehman, dq.
2. Jose Lothario b Mike Paidousis
3. Putski-Green b Duncum-Kaye
4. Missouri Mauler b Tiger Conway Jr.
5. Ivan Putski won 7-man battle royal.

12-27, Decatur, Ill.

1. Bob Bruggers d George Scott
2. Dick Murdoch b Bullinski
3. Ken Patera b Larry Hennig, dq.
4. Billy Robinson b Black Jack Lanza



Referee Percy Franklin checks Dick Murdoch prior to bout with George Scott.

12-27, Baton Rouge

1. Jerry Miller d George Strickland
2. The Professional b Treach Phillips
3. Silento Rodriguez b Duke Meyers, dq.
4. Smith-Igor Putski b Yokouchi-Fuji
5. Bob Sweetan b Dr. X

12-27, Columbus, Ga.

1. Ron Hill b Frank Hickey
2. Jack Evans d Roy Welch
3. B. Johnson-W. Wilson b J. Reb-L. Tokyo
4. Bob Armstrong b Sputnik Monroe
5. R. Monroe-Austin b J. Oates-Dromo

12-28, Athens, Ga.

1. Tommy Seigler b Krusher Karlson
2. Dick Steinborn b Ox Baker
3. Jerry Brown-Buddy Roberts-Rock Hunter b Seigler-Roberto Soto-Apollo

12-28, Cleveland

1. Feather-Dupre b Carver-McCoy
2. J. B. Psycho b Magnificent Zulu
3. Tony Marino nc Tim Brooks
4. Johnny Valentine b Igor Vodik
5. Bobo Brazil b Pampero Firpo, dq.
6. Johnny Powers b Waldo von Erich

12-28, Amarillo

1. Gorgeous George Jr. b Steve Scott
2. Ricki Starr d Buck Robley
3. Mr. Wrestling b Killer Kox, dq.
4. Nick-Jerry Kozak b Hood-Black Devil

12-28, Jacksonville

1. Wolfman Smith b Ed Wiskoski
2. Kevin Sullivan b Bob Griffin
3. The Ortons b Richey-McKenney
4. Frank Hester b Dick Slater
5. Great Malenko d Chris Markoff
6. M. Graham-Curtis b Shane-Stephen
7. Jack Brisco b Dale Lewis
8. Tim Woods b Buddy Colt, dq.

12-28, Moorhead, Minn.

1. Dennis Stamp b Jim Brunzell
2. Reggie Parks b Big K
3. Billy Robinson b Dusty Rhodes
4. Nick Bockwinkel nc Ivan Koloff

12-28, New Haven, Ct.

1. El Olimpico d Tony Garea
2. Sky Low-L. Brutus b L. Louie-Haiti Kid
3. Gorilla Monsoon b Chuck Richards
4. Buddy Wolfe b Sonney King
5. Vicki Williams-Jan Sheridan b Donna Christantello-Peggy Patterson
6. Chief Strongbow b Professor Tanaka

XI. DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS

12-29, Sunnyside-NYC

1. Vincente Pometti b Al Nelson
2. Sonny King b Al Williams
3. El Olimpico b Chuck Richards
4. Sky Low-L. Brutus b L. Louie-Haiti
5. Victor Rivera b Buddy Wolfe, dq.

12-29, N. Attleboro

1. Manuel Soto b Miguel Feliciano
2. Gorilla Monsoon b Slade-Torres
3. Tony Garea b Ben Ortez
4. Williams-Sheridan b Johnson-Christantello
5. Toru Tanaka b Jay Strongbow, cor.

12-29, Charleston

1. Charlie Fulton b Terry Sawyer
2. Matti Suzuki b Johnny Ringo
3. Furr-Lang b Valdez-L. Bruiser
4. Weaver-Neilson b Boyd-Charles

12-29, Richmond

1. The Menace b Mike Hall
2. Les Thatcher b Billy Hines
3. Joyce Grable b Cindy Starr
4. Hawk-Hanson b Brown-Klondike Bill
5. Brisco-Patterson nc Andersons

12-29, Lynchburg

1. Jim Dillon b Jim Grabmire
2. Dick Shannon b Johnny Heidman
3. Ronnie Garvin b Evil-eye Gordon
4. Curtis-Farmer b Morrell-Billy Kid

12-29, Atlanta

1. Darrell Cochran b Ron Hill
2. Jerry Oates b Don Carson
3. Zodiac b Pedro Columbo
4. The Monroes b Orton Jr.-Dromo
5. Ed-Mike Graham b Austin-Marvel
6. Buddy Colt b Bob Armstrong
7. Grahams b Sputnik-Rocket Monroe
8. Eddie Graham b Jack Crawford
9. Bobo Johnson won midget royal from Johnny Reb-Wee Willie Wilson-L. Tokyo

12-29, Detroit (Olympia)

1. Mitsu Arakawa b Ricky Cortez
2. Bobby Bold Eagle d Mongolian Stomper
4. Higo Hamaguchi b Moose Cholak
5. Bruiser-Crusher b Wolfman-Beast
6. Ernie Ladd nc Cowboy Ellis
7. Terrible Ted b Raschke-Heenan

12-29, Denver

1. Dr. X b Joe Scarpello
2. Billy Graham b Joe Scarpello
3. Wahoo McDaniel b Dr. X
4. Billy Graham b Wahoo McDaniel

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12-30, Detroit (Cobo)

1. J. B. Psycho b Jess Ortega
2. Igor b Mike Loren, dq.
3. Kangaroos b Zulu-Luka
4. Ben Justice d Jerry Graham
5. George Steele b Hank James
6. Lucille Dupre b Tanya West, dq.
7. Hayes-Jerome b Lamont-Adams
8. Marino-Strongbow b Brooks-Creachman
9. Pampero Firpo b Haystacks Calhound, dq.
10. The Sheik b Bobo Brazil
11. Valentine-McKenzie b von Hess-Shotz, cor.

12-30, San Francisco

1. Manuel Cruz b Nick Adams
2. The Intern b Ricky Hunter
3. Red Bastien b Beauregarde
4. Rocky Johnson b Terry Garvin
5. DeMarco-Anderson b Samoans
6. Bear-Gomez b Graham-Goering
7. Pat Patterson nc Great Mephisto

12-30, Hampton Roads, Va.

1. Mike Hall b Jim Grabmire
2. Jim Dillon b Dick Shannon
3. Thatcher-Lang b Monte-L. Bruiser
4. O. Anderson-Menace b Royal-R. Garvin

12-30, Akron

1. Darling Dagmar b Diamond Lil
2. Tony Parisi b Executioner
3. Dan-Bill Miller b Swayze-Eric the Red
4. Waldo von ERich b Hans Schmidt

12-30, Philadelphia

1. Manuel Soto b Vincente Pometti
2. Tony Garea b Chick Richards
3. Sky Low-L. Brutus b L. Louie-Haiti Kid
4. El Olimpico b Black Jack Slade
5. Sheridan-Williams b Patterson-Christantello
6. Sonny King b Buddy Wolfe, dq
7. Professor Tanaka nc Victor Rivera

12-30, Minneapolis

1. Rick Flair d George Gadaski
2. Bob Bruggers b Black Jack Daniels
3. Dusty Rhodes b Bulliski
4. Andre Rousimoff b Larry Hennig
5. Gagne-Robinson b Bockwinkel-Stevens

12-30, Milwaukee

1. Big K d Jim Burgess
2. George Scott d Dale Lewis
3. Dick Murdoch b Reggie Parks
4. Ken Patera b Rene Goulet
5. Ivan Koloff b Dr. X
6. Wahoo McDaniel nc Superstar Graham

One of the most popular and successful heavyweights on the British scene at the moment is the lightning-quick, Andy Robin, from Scotland. He is currently the British Commonwealth Champion. Andy toured Canada and parts of the U.S. a while back and can boast of victories over two wrestlers, well-known in America. "King Curtis" Iaukea and Black Angus Campbell. Andy recently unmasked a villainous hood grappler who called himself "The Red Scorpion". It turned out to be Hooker Heath, a former professional footballer.

Another masked man who was unveiled recently was "The Mask", Bob Francini from the North of England. Altho British wrestling fans miss "Kendo Nagasaki" who has been wrestling in Canada, there are still plenty of masked men around with the "Blue Angel", "The Outlaw", and "Dr. Death" being the biggest drawing attractions.

Girl wrestling has not been very popular in Britain, however after the televised highlights of a fiery bout between "Hellcat" Haggerty and Mitzie Muller, interest in female wrestling may increase.

Billy Two Rivers, the popular Indian star, returned from Canada for a series of bouts which drew out the fans. Billy wrestled the Outlaw which resulted in some of the roughest action fans could ever recall.

England has its own wrestling minister in The Reverend Michael Brooks, whose parish is in the town of Throckkey in Northumberland. His title is no gimmick as he is actually a Methodist clergyman. The Reverend sums up his extraordinary combination of preaching and pinning by explaining that for too long, too many of the clergy have been content to sit in their empty churches and hope that the people will come to them. His philosophy is to go out to the people,

and he finds it quite fascinating what wide variety of interesting individuals he meets before and after his matches.

Ring villain, Leon Arras, was part of the cast of the award-winning movie "Kes", and since then has been seen in two BBC television plays, as well as taking a lead part in an episode of the television adventure series, "The Frighteners". . . Nor is Arras the only British wrestler to make a successful transition to the screen, as Big Bruno Elrington, Lindy Caulder, and Iron Man Paul Luty have also had parts in movies. . . . Television viewers can also see the Oriental grappler, the Great Chang, appearing in several prominent commercials.

The "Judokas" are the latest tag team sensations to appear on the British scene. The team consists of two judo black belt holders, Tug Wilson and Al Marquette. Combining their talents in judo with wrestling, they provided an immediate hit with the fans and staged some bruising brawls with other noted tag teams such as the "Hells Angels". The Hells Angels team consists of Bad Boy Bobby Barnes and Adrian Street. Street recently dyed his shoulder length blonde hair, purple, in order to match his new pair of purple wrestling boots.

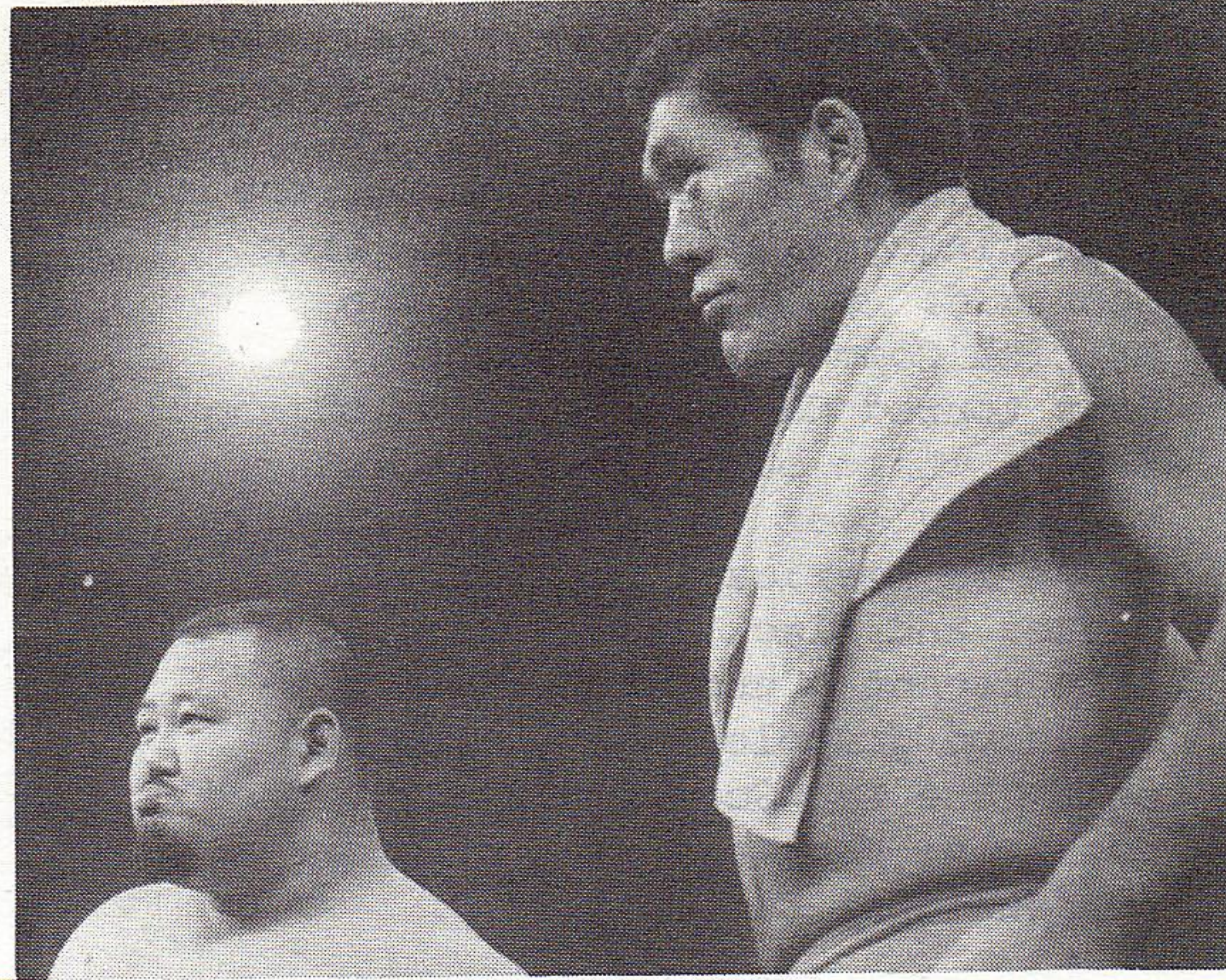
British tag teams usually give themselves some flamboyant and catchy title such as the Masked Undertakers and the Black Knights. The Black Knights are another of England's favorite duos and is composed of the African Witchdoctor, Massambula and Honey Boy Zimba. . . Two other top tag teams are the Borg Twins and the Royal Brothers.

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IWD appreciates John Slorance's composing this article and it is hoped he will continue to provide this magazine with monthly or bi-monthly reports on the British Wrestling scene.

The biggest names in Japanese wrestling during December, were Thunder Sugiyama and Shohei Baba, pictured at the right. This pair defeated Moose Morowski & The Destroyer, and the Destroyer & Ciclon Negro, by disqualification. . . . The Destroyer met Baba in the Japanese Giant's home town of Nigata on December 19th. The Destroyer bounced back from being pinned after Baba used a neck-breaker in the first fall, to take the second fall with his pet hold - the figure 4 leg lock. The final fall saw Baba win the match as the masked man was counted out of the ring. . . . The Destroyer had previously announced that if he did not win Baba's title, he would agree to become Baba's tag team partner. This came to pass, with them teaming up in Tokyo to take straight falls from Negro & Morowski. . . . The Destroyer was unbeaten in singles matches against Koma, Okuma, and Sugiyama.

Seiji Sakaguchi defended his United National title twice against Gene Kiniski. In each bout, both men won a fall by pinfall or concession. Their second bout ended in a no contest, Sakaguchi won the first match, taking the deciding fall with a boston crab, but won the opening fall of that battle only because big Gene was disqualified. . . . Sakaguchi teamed with his Asian tag title partner, Yoshimura to whip Kiniski & Killer Kox. . . . Kintaro Oki lost his International championship to Bobo Brazil in Yokohama, but won it back later.

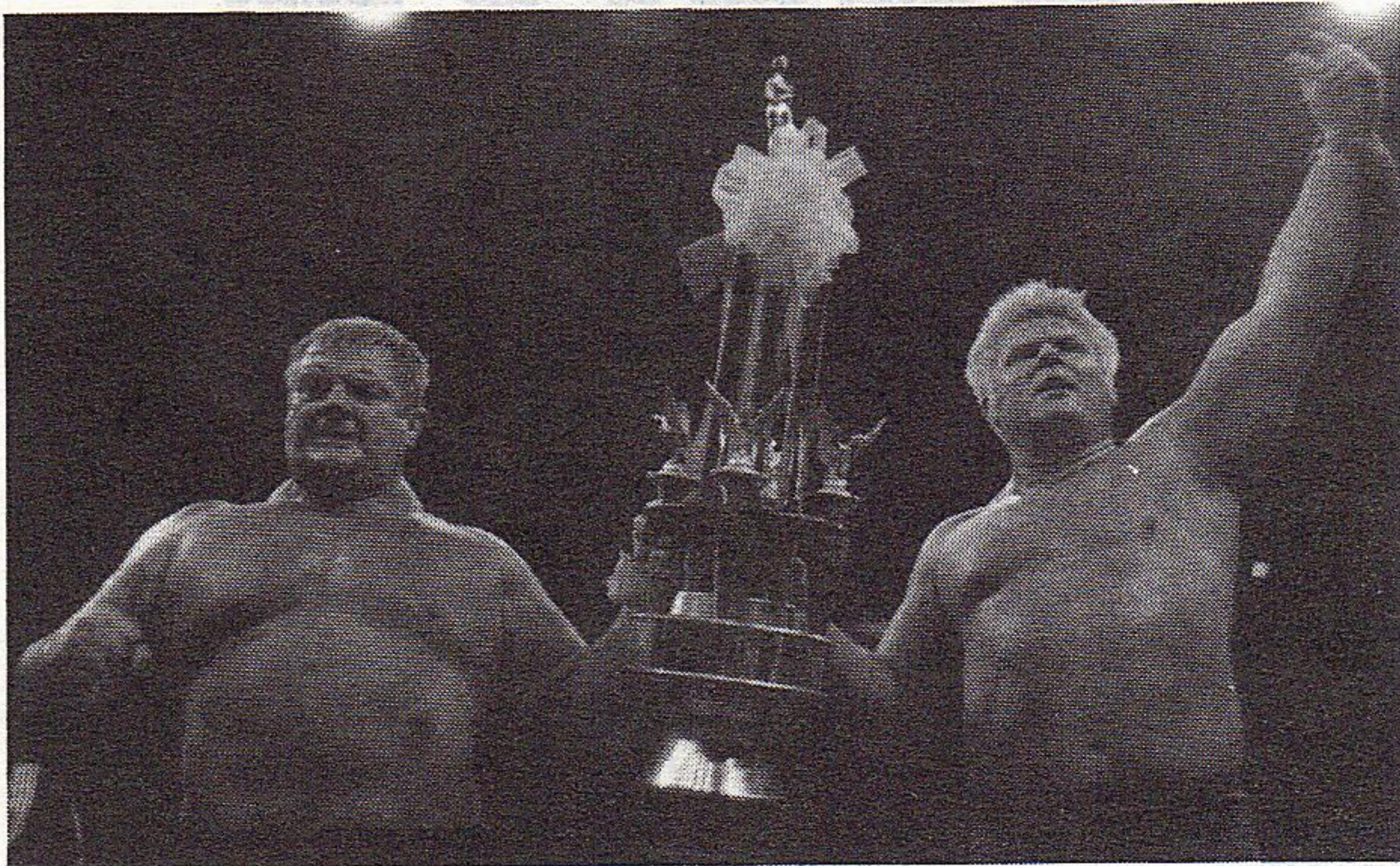


Iller Karl Kox beat Ota and went to a no contest with Takachiho (known in America as Yoshino Sato). . . . Ciclon Negro beat Kutsuwada, Okuma & Koma and went to no contest with Sugiyama. . . . Shohei Baba beat Abdullah the Butcher. Sugiyama's 2 matches with Abdullah saw one end in a no contest, and Sugiyama disqualified in the other. . . . Karl von Steiger beat Kutsuwada, Takachiho & Hongo, go to a no contest with Koma and lose to Sugiyama.

The Fabulous Kangaroos found Japanese tag matches difficult, dropping bouts to Ito & Oki, and Ota & Takachiho. . . . Their manager, George Cannon also found things rough, losing to Ota and Kojika, but overpowering Hirai. . . . Moose Morowski lost to Sugiyama, Okuma, and by disqualification to Koma. He beat Kutsuwada. Red Bastien lost a cage match to Kusatsu. . . . Eric Froelich lost to Ito, Don Serrano to Yamamoto, Mario Milano to Inoue, and Bullinski to Teranishi.

In tag matches, Oki-Sakaguchi beat Brazil-Kiniski; Saito-Sakaguchi beat Stomper-Kox; Kusatsu-Kobayashi beat Bastien-Stamp; HOWEVER: Koma-Baba lost to Abdullah-Destroyer; Okuma-Koma lost to Destroyer-Rufus Jones; and Baba-Kutsuwada lost to Abdullah-Negro;

Negro & Destroyer lost to Baba & Okuma, when the Destroyer put his figure 4 leglock on Baba, and when Baba got to the ropes, he refused to release the hold and was disqualified.



A ten man battle royal was held in Portland, Oregon on December 28. At least it was supposed to be a ten man contest, but when Northwest heavyweight champion, Bull Ramos saw his bitter rival, the Skull in the ring, holding a chain, he changed his mind about participating. The first four to be ousted wer Rocky Montero, Lonnie Mayne, the Skull and Karl von Steiger. Then after Antonio Rocca and Ricky Hunter were thrown out, Lonnie Mayne jumped back into the ring to help his Northwest tag partner Dutch Savage, who was battling both Mr. Fuji and Haru Sasaki. This unofficial help was enough to send Dutch Savage home with an extra \$500 for Christmas. . . The Skull won another match over Bull Ramos on Christmas night, but still does not have the area title since it was a non-title chain match. . . Dutch Savage, also eager to defeat the man who took the title from him, defeated Karl von Steiger on the same card.

Lonnie Mayne is leaving the Oregon wrestling scene for a while in quest of the WWWF championship belt held by Pedro Morales . . . Mayne's departure will leave a void for one-half of the area tag team title. It was announced that Steven Little Bear will take Lonnie's place as Dutch Savage's partner.

Dutch Savage received another chance to take Gene Kiniski's Pacific Coast title recognized in British Columbia and the state of Washington as a result of his match with Bulldog Brown in Vancouver on December 4. It was a lumber-jack battle with a title shot as incentive, as if either of them needed an extra reason to destroy the other. With no disqualifications, Brown could leap off the top rope with his kneedrop and win the first fall from the Dutchman. Brown drew blood, banging Savage off the corner post but Savage won the second fall after his famous thumb-jab to the throat. Thrown out of the ring, Savage and Rocky Montero mixed it up,

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with Savage flattening Rocky before climbing back into the ring. Montero, no longer able to be a mere spectator to the Savage-Brown bout, jumped into the ring and tried drop-kicking Dutch, who was being held by the Bulldog at the time. Savage managed to avoid the dropkick, which then landed squarely on Brown. The groggy Brown was then soon pinned by Savage after Abe Jacobs jumped into the ring to get rid of Montero.

Dutch won the first fall a week later in Vancouver against Kiniski, but the Pacific Coast champion came back to win the final two falls. . . The question of whether or not Brown would have made a better opponent for Kiniski was answered the following week when Kiniski again successfully defended his title.

Duncan McTavish teamed up with Dutch Savage to defeat Montero & Tank Morgan. The following card they met Kiniski and Mike Webster, who just returned to the area from Florida. McTavish surprised the fans and Kiniski, to win the first fall, but Gene gained revenge to take the second stanza. The bout ended on an unsatisfactory note when Kiniski tripped Duncan to set up Webster's decisive pin.

Duncan MTavish also won bouts from Rock Hunter and Tank Morgan. . . Lady wrestlers Terri LaChance and Sandy Parker have been in the area. In a mixed match, Parker & McTavish defeated LaChance & Ray Glenn.

Two of the most improved wrestlers of the past year have been Buck Ramstead and Eric Froelich. When Froelich returned to the Northwest area, the two went to a snappy draw. Ramstead can also be credited with an impressive draw with Dean Higuchi.

Brute Bernard returned from overseas to team with Bulldog Brown in Vancouver. They posted what many considered an upset against Higuchi & Abe Jacobs.

DECEMBER WRESTLING NEWS FROM: CALIFORNIA. . .

Ernie Ladd's reign as the Americas' Champion came to an end on December 1st. The new champion became Victor Rivera, although Vic had to share the credit with a mysterious man dressed in a huge overcoat and wearing a potato sack for a mask. It was his distraction that allowed Rivera to score with a series of sensational dropkicks that enabled him to pin the big "Cat". Ladd protested the pin and demanded a match with the intruder, who then made his identity known. Some 11,200 fans went wild when they recognized the stranger to be John Tolos. . . The Tolos-Ladd match headlined Los Angeles' Dec. 15th show, with Ladd ending up, wishing he had never gone through with the match. Tolos pinned Ladd after about a dozen kneedrops off the ropes.

Black Gordman & Goliath concluded the year in Los Angeles with a successful Americas tag title defense against Victor Rivera & Ruben Juarez, with Kinji Shibuya acting as the referee. . . Juarez had a rough battle with Killer Karl Krupp, winning when the wild German was disqualified. . . Ripper Collins won the Southern California TV title from Prince Maivia.

The Great Mephisto finally defeated the U.S. Champion (recognized in Northern California) Pat Patterson, but because of the controversy surrounding whether or not Mephisto has a loaded boot, enabling him to win the vast majority of his matches, the title was held up pending a rematch. It came on the final San Francisco Cow Palace card of 1972. Mephisto overwhelmed Patterson in the first fall which saw the blonde star offer no offense at all. Pat finally fought back and took the 2nd fall using a figure-4 leglock. Mephisto made Patterson a bloody mess in the third fall, by ramming his head into the ringpost. The enraged Patterson retaliated in like manner and soon Mephisto was not only bloodier, but on the verge of defeat when the ref halted the bout because both men

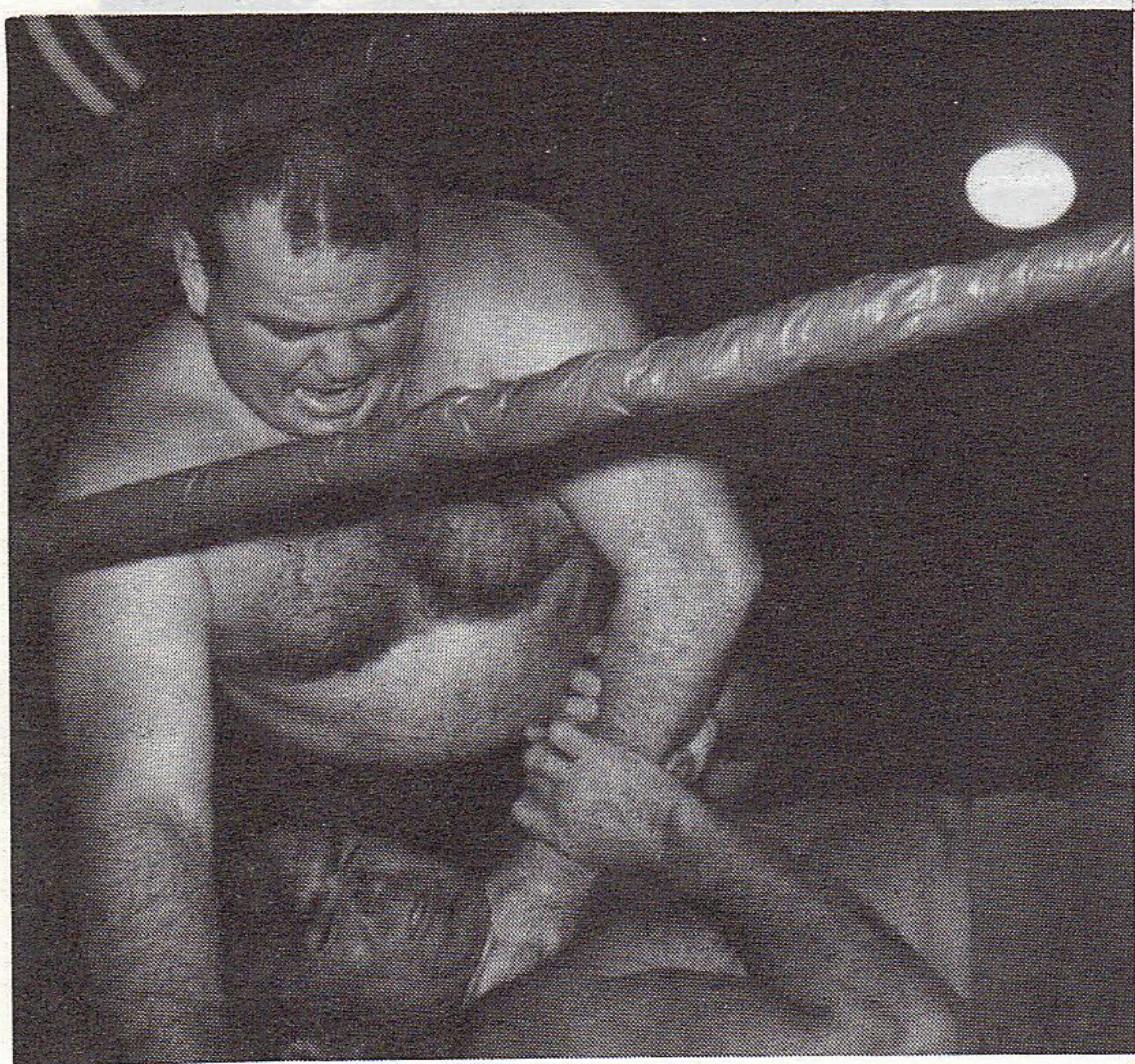
were bleeding so badly. Patterson continued his vendetta by pulling off Mephisto's controversial boot, but the referee made him release it. Mephisto picked it up, tapped it, then cold-kicked him with it. Both men had to be carried out on stretchers and the year ended with the U.S. title, up in the air.

December did bring about one title change, in Sacramento on the 6th. With rules that said there were no rules, time limit, disqualifications, or stopping for blood, it was pretty definite something would be settled. After the tag champions, Lars Anderson & Paul DeMarco had gained a fall, and the challengers, Rocky Johnson & Pat Patterson had a fall, the battle was carried outside the ring by Anderson & Johnson. Patterson leaped off the apron with a bomb away on Lars, then threw Rocky back into the ring at the count of 17. Anderson was counted out, and the world tag championship changed hands. . . The third fall of their rematch, 3 weeks later, again spilled out on the floor with Patterson getting the best of DeMarco when Anderson sneaked up behind him and applied a pile-driver. When Johnson came to his partner's aid, the bout ended in a no contest with all 4 wrestlers being counted out.

The Samoans' days as a seemingly unbeatable combination in the Northern California area, are over. They lost to ex-champions, DeMarco & Anderson when both Reno and Paul lay dazed on the mat, Lars put his partner on top for the pin, while the ref was busy keeping Tio from interfering. . . . The referee also missed seeing the Great Mephisto use his loaded boot, as the Samoans lost to him and Crazy Luke Graham. . . Pepper Gomez couldn't continue his match with Mephisto after being dropped astraddle the top rope and injuring his groin. Anderson & DeMarco were disqualified for double-teaming Manuel Cruz (known in some areas as Sabu Singh) who was teamed with Rocky Johnson.

Stan Stasiak, upset because Fred Curry had won the battle royal in Houston, challenged Curry to a Roulette match in which the only way falls can be won, is to toss your opponent over the top rope to the floor. The flashy Curry took the first fall, but was worn down by his bigger opponent who evened up the match by taking the second fall. It looked like big Stan would also win the third fall after giving Fred his famed "heart-crusher", but Curry survived the dreaded "punch" and managed to flip Stasiak out with a flying head scissors. Curry who put up the \$2000 he had won in the battle royal, doubled his money at Stasiak's expense. . . . Houston was also the site where Fred Curry gave American champion, Johnny Valentine, quite a whipping. The official ruling however, was that Curry was disqualified for repeatedly hitting Seattle Johnny over the head with a chair after battling on the arena floor.

The Polish strongman, Ivan Putski has taken Texas by storm, as easily as he won the San Antonio battle royal. Seven wrestlers were involved and Ivan threw four of them out: Missouri Mauler, Bobby Duncum, Mike Paidousis & Bill Lehman. Lehman, next to last out, eliminated Tom Jon-s, while Jose Lothario was the first one out, after being double-teamed by the Mauler and Bobby Duncum.



The Missouri Mauler chokes Joe Blanchard



The Missouri Mauler continues to upset Texas fans with his wild and brutal behavior. His move of placing his all but defeated opponents throat first-across the middle rope, then running from across the ring to land full force on the back has angered most Texas fans. Ditto for his being associated with the interfering Gary Hart. Manager Hart returned to the Lone Star state following the conclusion of his suspension and immediately helped the Mauler (Larry "Rocky" Hamilton) to defeat Nick Kozak, by keeping him from rebounding off the ropes into Nick's drop-kick. Kozak landed hard on his back, setting up the Mauler's victory.

Texas Champion, Jose Lothario, continues to be frustrated in his efforts to also gain the American title owned by Johnny Valentine. One battle between the two, ended in a no contest, fighting outside the ring. . . . On another occasion, Jose had taken quite a beating from big John, but finally started dish-ing it out, with Valentine in obvious trouble. However, the Mauler came out of nowhere and began kicking Lothario. Before other wrestlers could come from the dressing room, the two roughians had Jose in bad shape.

Goliath and the Samoan Prince Maivia fought one another in San Antonio. Maivia used headbutts to win the opening fall

from Goliath, but Goliath fouled Maivia to win the tying fall. When Maivia missed a headbutt near the ropes, he hit his throat on the top rope. He fell to the mat, where Goliath pinned him.

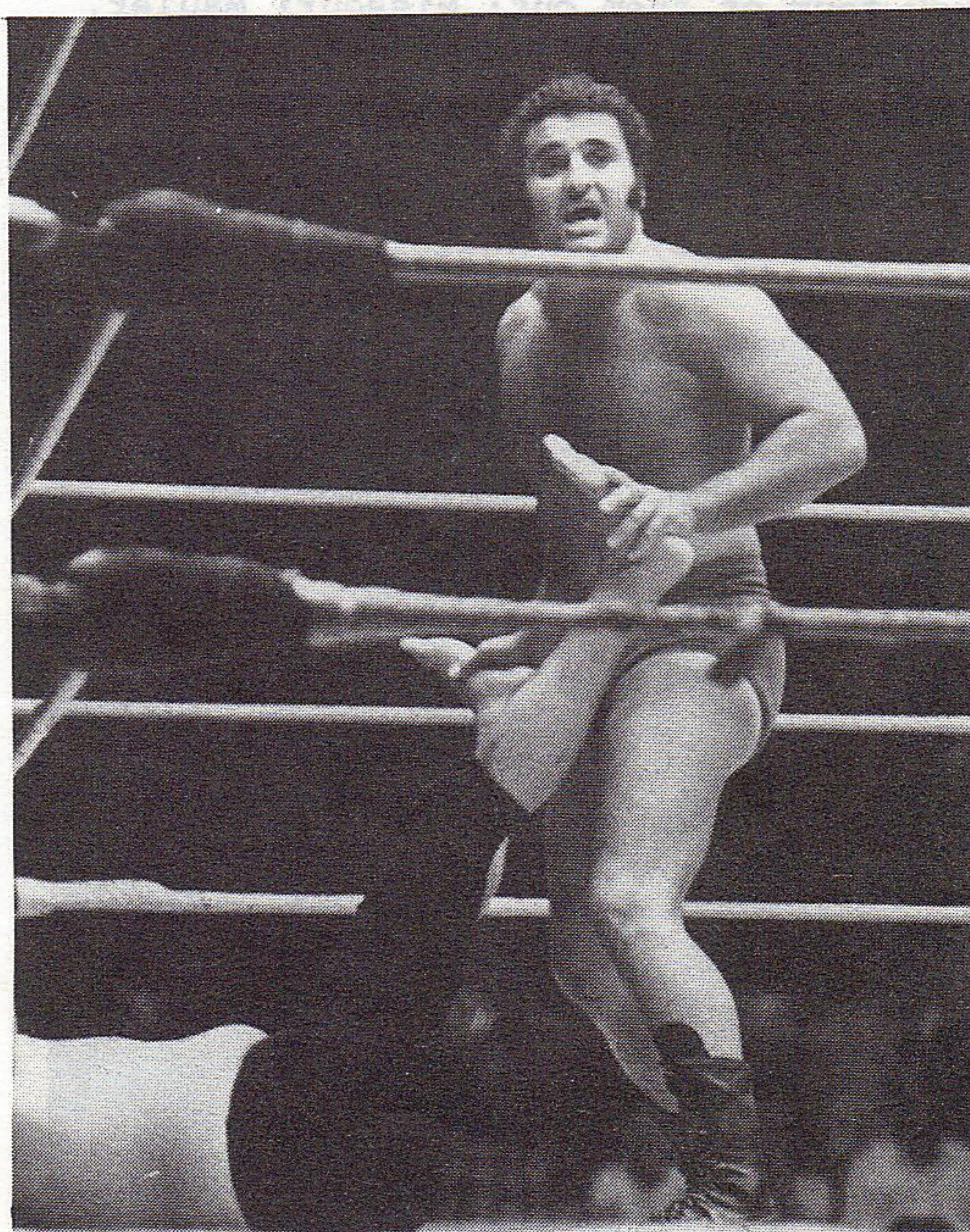
Including or excluding his Roulette match with Fred Curry in Houston, December has been a terrible month for Stan Stasiak. Jose Lothario won a three-man in the ring elimination bout from Stan and Johnny Valentine, to earn a future title match with world champion, Dory Funk Jr. . . In Dallas, Stasiak met Fritz von Erich in a continuation of their giant feud in a Texas Death match held inside a cage. To win, a man must have his opponent in such a weakened condition, that he can signal to referee Dick Raines, to unlock the cage, wait for him to open it, then walk out without his opponent interfering. Stasiak seemed to be meeting the von Erich of old, as Fritz kicked and pounded Stan all over the ring, as well as whipping him into the turnbuckle. He then applied his stomach claw, but Stasiak gouged free, then used a nerve hold of his own, on Fritz's neck. In a weakened condition, von Erich was set up for Stasiak's "heart crusher". He then signalled to referee Dick Raines, to unlock the cage but Raines took so long, that Fritz had recovered. Again Stan hit von Erich with his famous "punch" and signalled to be released, only to be frustrated again by the slow reactions of Raines. Before he could get out, he was attacked from the behind by a fully recovered von Erich who then did just about everything which is considered illegal in regular matches, topped off by his claw hold applied to the groin. This time referee Raines quickly unlocked the cage, and von Erich walked out the winner. . . The third fall of the Stasiak-Wahoo McDaniel in San Antonio, came to a sudden conclusion when Wahoo whipped him into the turnbuckle when he fell to the mat and could not continue. It was later announced, Stan had suffered a hernia. Indeed, December was not a good month for Stasiak.

Jose Lothario defeated Dusty Rhodes when he briefly returned to Texas, winning in two straight falls, although

the first fall came when big Dusty was disqualified.

Dory Funk Jr. defeated his arch-rival, Jack Brisco, 2-3 falls within the shadow of his ranch in Amarillo. Jack took the initial round with his figure-4 leglock, but the NWA champ came back to win the next 2, with his spinning toe-hold and with a suplex. . . In El Paso, Dory Jr. defeated and unmasked the Black Devil who turned out to be Alex Perez.

Brother Terry and poppa Funk had a most exciting tag encounter with Hank James and Ernie Ladd, which ended in a no contest, with everyone fighting outside the ring. . . Terry Funk beat Hank James in a chain match. . . Hank James and his valet, JoJo beat manager J.C. Dykes and his wrestler the Black Devil when Dykes caught JoJo in a full nelson and the Black Devil swung at him only to accidentally hit his manager when JoJo ducked. JoJo quickly capitalized on the mistake to pin Dykes and win the 1-fall bout.



Fred Curry

DECEMBER WRESTLING NEWS FROM: JUST WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI. . .

--OZARKS--

A big feud has erupted between the top two area villains, Jim (Dr.X) Osborne and Bruiser Bob Sweetan. It began when the two were tag partners and Osborne accidentally slugged Sweetan, who didn't appreciate it in the slightest. . . When the two first met in a grudge bout following the flare-up, Dr. X's punches knocked Sweetan to the mat for the pin, however, Jerry Miller jumped into the ring and began stomping on the masked man. It was a pitiful sight to watch Sweetan and Miller pound and kick him into a bloody mess. Several times Sweetan would raise Dr. X's head up just high enough for Miller to come running and stomp it. . . Dr. X's bitter rival from the past, Danny Hodge agreed to team up with him in a tag encounter with Sweetan & Miller. Hodge and Sweetan exchanged the first two falls, Danny applying an abdominal stretch on Sweetan, after Dr. X had softened him up with punches and saw to it that Miller didn't interfere; then Danny getting double-teamed and finally pinned. Ironically, it was Dr. X who lost the deciding fall, again because Miller helped Sweetan, hitting Osborne when he got too close with his pair of brass knuckles. . . . Sweetan also won a Texas Death Match from Dr. X with lumberjack rules. Dr. X won the first four falls, but in the fifth fall, Dr. X was distracted when fighting broke out between Duke Meyers and Grizzly Smith and after being hit from behind was a victim of several kneedrops off the top rope. Dr. X got up at the count of 9, fell to the mat again, and took the 10-count that cost him the bout.

Ramon Torres beat Jerry Miller, giving him a good beating after managing to get his brass knuckles away from him. . . George Strickland pulled an upset by gaining a draw with Miller who has been very successful of late, with the aid of some foreign objects. . . North American Champion, Bill Watts has been given some tough matches lately by Tarzan Tyler. Tyler imitated the Sheik by

using a ballpoint pen in order to work over the popular Negro star, Tom Jones.

Danny Hodge proved to be just too fast, scientific and experienced for Jimmy Valiant. Hodge was escaping from holds so quickly and effortlessly that handsome was left looking foolish and frustrated. Not totally at a loss for what to do, Jimmy began smothering Hodge with his elbow pad, but ended up cleverly jack-knifed for the pin by the NWA Junior heavyweight champion.

--CENTRAL STATES--

The Destroyer wrestling in this area has been unmasked! It took the two men who hold the area tag team title to do it, plus their manager and it happened in a match that started out with him on their side in a six man tag match. They were wrestling Danny Little Bear, Bob Geigel & Black Angus Campbell. The match was even at a fall apiece with the Destroyer wrestling Geigel who had just flipped Race out on the ring apron. As Bob and the masked man fought near the ropes, Harley tried to trip Geigel but missed and instead, tripped his partner. Kirby seeing this, tried a leap off the top rope onto Geigel's back, only to have Bob dodge away again, seeing to it that the Destroyer was hit again. Geigel quickly covered him for the winning bodypress. The Destroyer hopped up, extremely angry at his own partners, and he proceeded to deck both of them. Their manager, Percival A. Friend ran into the ring while this was going on and smashed his attache case down on the Destroyer, sending him into the daze necessary for Kirby and Race to yank off the mask. What they discovered was Stan Pulaski, who later explained that he went under the mask in order to achieve a title match with NWA Champion, Dory Funk, Jr.

Pulaski announced he would like to team up with former rival, Bob Geigel to get the tag tattle away from the hated blonde duo of Kirby &

Race. Black Angus Campbell, who formerly had Percival Friend as his manager, is another one who is now dedicating himself to trying to topple the tag champions.

Campbell teamed with the area's top hero, Danny Little Bear, to try and accomplish his purpose. As it was, he found Kirby and Race with the purpose of trying to ruin his left arm every time they had a chance to double-team him. Little Bear got fed up with this tactic and ran in and threw Kirby out of the ring. This gave Black Angus a chance to drag Race over to the unfriendly corner. Eventually, Little Bear applied his cross-bow leglock and they had half of the assignment accomplished. Earning the second half proved more difficult as the tag champions eventually pinned a bloody Indian with Race applying his suplex. The all-important third fall found the ring with all four contestants in it, as often as not. Then with Angus well on his way toward pinning Kirby, Percival leaped up onto the ring apron to protest. Campbell bodyslammed Roger to the mat, and Danny, thinking Angus was going for the pin, grabbed Race in an effort to keep him from interfering. Instead, Campbell grabbed Friend and lifted the manager high over his head for a bodyslam. The alert and now unbothered Kirby grabbed Percival's dropped attache case and hit Campbell over the head with it. The ref, who

had been trying to break up Race and Little Bear now saw Kirby pinning Campbell and counted Angus' shoulders to the mat.

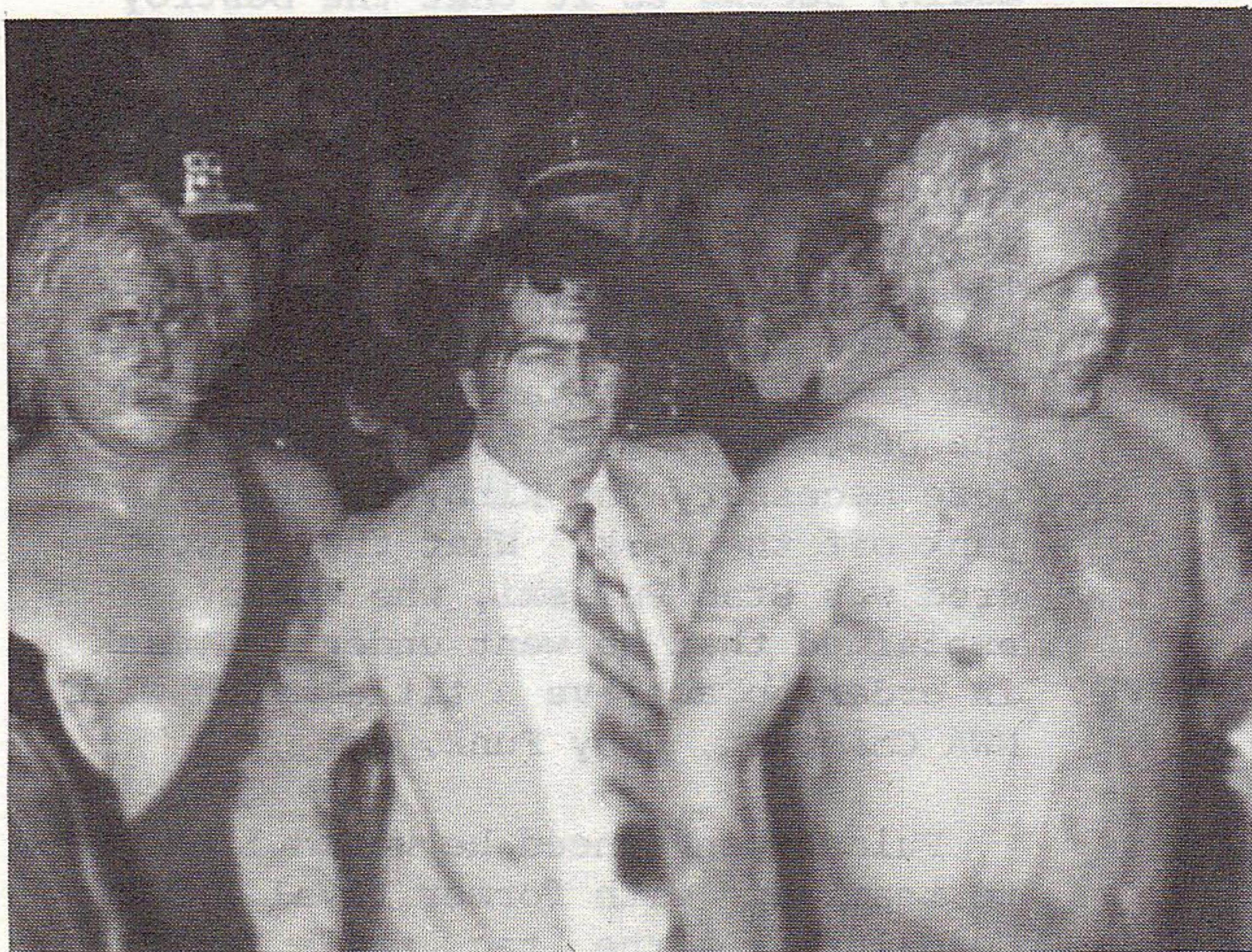
Danny Little Bear was also Bob Geigel's partner in an unsuccessful effort to wrestle the tag title away from the hated blondes. Again the third fall looked good for the challengers as they nearly double-teamed Race to defeat with elbow smashes. However, when Little Bear clamped on a facelock, Harley managed to work his way over toward his partner, getting in range for Kirby to jump in and kick the Indian star in the throat with his boot. Little Bear toppled to the mat as Kirby tagged in and stomped away until his face was a mass of crimson gore. Geigel, sickened by the actions, tore after their manager in order to get his attache case. Geigel got the weapon and charged into the ring, hitting Roger over the head with it. While the ref and Geigel then struggled over the possession of the case, Race regained his composure, leaped off the top rope onto Little Bear's neck, as Kirby held him in place. Eventually the ref calmed down Geigel and counted Danny pinned.

Little Bear missed the battle royal scheduled later that evening, due to his injuries. As it was, his tag partner, Bob Geigel won it. The order of elimination was:

1. Pat O'Connor; 2. Harley Race;
3. Leo Seitz, 4. Bobby Whitlock;
5. Percival Friend; 6. The Viking;
7. Joe Scarpello; 8. Bill Howard;
9. Argentina Zuma; 10. Ben Ramirez;

Roger Kirby was the last one Geigel eliminated.

Verne Gagne appeared in the area and despite his lack of tough competition against Juan Sebastian, looked good in dropkicking him into position to use the sleeper. Prior to the match, Harley Race insulted Verne and said he would be champion if he ever got a title match. Gagne promptly chased him from the ring and told him to work his way up.



Central States Tag Champions, Roger Kirby and Harley Race with manager Percival Friend.

DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS FROM: THE SOUTH. . .

-- MISSISSIPPI--

The NWA reinstated Mississippi's top her, Cowboy Bob Kelley. Kelley continued to use the loaded boot he had taken away from the Spoiler. With help from his cronies, the Medic and the Liberator, who hold Kelley down, the Spoiler starts to unlace and regain his boot, however, Kelley gets some help in the persons of Frank Dalton & Arman Hussein, who chase the trio off before they can successfully complete their mission. A few days later, the three masked men again attempt to retrieve the Spoiler's boot and this time they are successful because they enlist the help of Rip Tyler and Eddie Sullivan, as well, who hold the dressing room door shut so that Kelley cannot get any help. . . The story does not end here as Kelley pulls the same trick on the Spoiler a few days later and again gains possession of the illegal boot-weapon.

Kelley then agreed to give the Spoiler his boot back if he can gain a Mississippi State title match with the Medic. The two masked wrestlers agreed to the terms on the condition that the Spoiler receive the boot back before the title match begins. Kelley returned the boot to the Spoiler, who then gave the boot to the Medic to use against Kelley. What he doesn't realize, however, was that Kelley had removed the gimmick and without it, the Medic loses the bout and his state title. . . Believing that the Spoiler intentionally gave him an unusable boot, the Medic demands and receives a grudge match with the Spoiler. The Medic took the first fall with a boston crab, then had the fall reversed when he refused to relinquish it. The Spoiler gained revenge giving the Medic a series of neckbreakers that got him disqualified. The crowd favored the Spoiler in this battle of masked villains, and came away happy when the Spoiler took away the foreign object that the Medic tried to use, and proceeded to bloody him up.

Eddie Sullivan & Rip Tyler hold the U.S. tag title. Rip also held the Mississippi state tag title with Don Fargo until Fargo left. Tyler chose Eddie to also hold the state tag title with him, however, in their first title defense, they dropped it to Kelley & Frank Dalton. . . Dalton and Kelley were the final two left in a battle royal that saw Bobby Fields, Arman Hussein, Bad Boy Hines, Tyler, and the Liberator eliminated in that order. Since they were tag partners, Kelley solved the problem and allowed Frank to win the honor.

--KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE-ALABAMA--

Tojo Yamamoto, Jerry Jarrett & Jackie Fargo met Jerry Lawler, Jim White & their manager, Sam Bass, in a 6-man tag team elimination match. Due to the fact that this was a grudge match, the rules were changed so that a wrestler would lose the fall and return to the dressing room, not when pinned or conceding, but only after he had been bloodied up. Tojo was eliminated first, when Lawler opened up his forehead using a chair. Fargo was the second eliminated as Bass drew blood by kicking him with his boot. Jerry Jarrett was then left alone to face all 3 of his hated treacherous opponents. Jerry then eliminated Jim White, making it now 2 against 1. Bass then got a bloody nose, which according to the rules eliminated him but he and Lawler objected to the ouster, and to the fact that the sides would then be even. So, the two of them ganged up on Jarrett giving him a thorough beating before they were stopped. The official ruling was, a Tag Team victory for the good guys, via disqualification.

Don Greene has been teaming up with former enemies such as Bearcat Brown and has become a favorite of the fans. First, his manager, Sir Clements, was suspended and then his brother Al decided to wrestle in just a few matches, for a while and mainly be on vacation, and then Don got involved in the Bounty Hunters quarrel with

Len Rossi & Bearcat Brown. It happened on a television match in which Green & Rock Riddle lost to the Rossi-Brown duo, with Len subduing Rock with his sleeper hold. The Bounty Hunters leaped into the ring with their manager, Jimmy Kent, and quickly used this element of surprise and numerical superiority to have the popular grapplers in bad shape. Greene had just departed from the ring to watch his enemies be annihilated, but a sense of fair play and an appeal from the TV comentator finally brought Don into the ring in order to stop the one-sided brawl. For his efforts as a peace-maker, Greene suffered a terrible gash at the hands of Kent's spur, then he, himself, was triple-teamed. Naturally Don asked to team with Rossi & Brown in some 6-man tag matches versus the Bounty Hunters & Kent. . . . Len Rossi was involved in a serious automobile accident that has incapacitated him for a while so that Don has done much feuding against the Bounty Hunters with Bearcat. . . . Len's son, Joey, has also taken up a number of his father's commitments.

The Interns, with manager Ken Ramey barred from ringside, dropped two matches in one evening. First, they lost a 2-3 fall match to Tojo Yamamoto & Jerry Jarrett when the referee fell and Jarrett took advantage of it to push one of the Interns over the fallen official and pin him. They then lost a one fall match to Joey Rossi & Brown when Bearcat head-butted a bleeding Intern into defeat. . . . Rossi & Brown won 2 matches in the evening, also winning over Lawler & White, in an unusual match that saw them take both falls via disqualification because of tag interference.

Another unique tag match was made up with four on a side and two men from each side being in the ring at all times and able to tag either of his partners, and failure to tag meaning automatic disqualification. It was also an elimination type tag match. The Interns along with Ken Dillinger & the Great Fuji lost to Frankie Laine & Jerry Jarrett, who had the advantage of having the McGuire Twins, Billy & Benny on their side - the 600 pounds-plus, brothers.

The new independent circuit now competing with the Gulas-Welch empire in Kentucky-Tennessee is recognizing Mike Pappas as U.S. Jr. Champion; Kurt & Karl von Braunner as the world tag champions; Paul Christy as the world champion; Sweet Daddy Watts, the huge Negro who has turned clean and Angelo Poffo are the leading challengers for Christy's localized world title; Sarah Lee & Marlene Belkas are competing for Marie Vagnone women's title; and Joe Ball & Billy Helm are the Kentucky tag titlists.

On the NWA side, recognized tag champions at the end of 1972 are: Mid-Americas-Parente & Hart. . . World - Yamamoto & Johnny Walker. . . The Southern tag title, formerly held by the Bounty Hunters is being held up.

-- GEORGIA--

NWA Promoter Paul Jones has been bringing in top wrestlers from all over the U.S. since the regular wrestlers he had been using on his Georgia



Swede Hanson with manager Homer O'Dell

circuit left and formed their own group called the All South Wrestling Alliance. In order to compete against the familiar names, Jones has brought back such all-time drawing attractions as Fred Blassie, Coug "The Professional" Gilbert, Paul De Marco, and Bill Dromo. Danny Hodge defended his Junior Heavyweight title against Hiro Matsuda, and Dory Funk Jr. kept his NWA title with a disqualification victory over Jack Brisco. Bill Watts, Fritz von Erich and Bearcat Wright headed the list of other top grapplers who appeared in Georgia for Jones in December.

Since the wrestlers who defected from the NWA promotion held all of the recognized titles in the state, a 4-team tournament was held to establish a Ga. tag title. Eddie & Mike Graham won the competition against Dromo & Bob Orton Jr., The Masked Marvel & Norvel Austin, and Rocket & Sputnik Monroe.

Former State Champion, Buddy Colt, returned and defended the Southern title in three exciting matches with Bob Armstrong, losing it on the 15th and regaining it on the 29th.

Eddie Graham and Doug Gilbert have been feuding. One match saw Doug pin Graham, only to have the ref then discover he was using the ropes for leverage and made the bout continue, with Graham finally pinning Doug with a small package. . . The ref also reversed a Gilbert victory over Don Curtis, because after using a neckbreaker to set up the press on Curtis, Doug jumped off the top rope, nullifying the victory via disqualification. . . Gilbert teamed up with Norvel Austin and beat Eddie's partner Robert Fuller, after Graham was knocked cold when Doug rammed his head into the iron post.

The All South Wrestling Alliance is no longer holding its matches at Oglethorpe College and running head to head competition on Friday nights. They are now wrestling in Atlanta on Tuesdays and in the same arena as the NWA shows - the City Auditorium.

The Assassin #2 defeated Roberto Soto, ending his long reign as the state champion. . . Despite the presence of former Quebed area tag champs, Buddy Roberts & Jerry Brown, Argentina Apollo & Dick Steinborn continue to hold the ASWA Georgia tag Title.

-- VIRGINIA & THE CAROLINAS--

Thunderbolt Patterson thoroughly worked over Rip Hawk, then jumped out of the ring, grabbed his manager Homer O'Dell's cane and proceeded to pin him against the apron and used the cane to choke him. A partially recovered Rip Hawk then came up behind Thunderbolt and wrapped a rope around his neck. After a few minutes of choking, Rip slammed Thunderbolt to the mat and gave him a piledriver. Much to everyone's amazement, Patterson jumped up as if nothing had happened, causing Hawk and his manager to scurry to the dressing room, leaving T-Bolt the winner via count out. . . Art Neilson knocked out Hawk's partner, Swede Hanson, in the tenth round of a boxing match when he rammed Swede's head into a stool that manager O'Dell had intended for Neilson.

A Texas Death Match held inside a fence between the Royal Kangaroos and Neilson & Johnny Weaver, provided fans with one of the bloodiest and most exciting matches ever seen here. With all 4 men covered with gore from being rammed into the fence, and each team having won six falls, Weaver applied a piledriver on Norman Frederick Charles between falls, that was not seen by the referee, making it impossible for him to answer the bell for the 13th fall and causing him and his cousin Lord Jonathan Boyd, to lose.

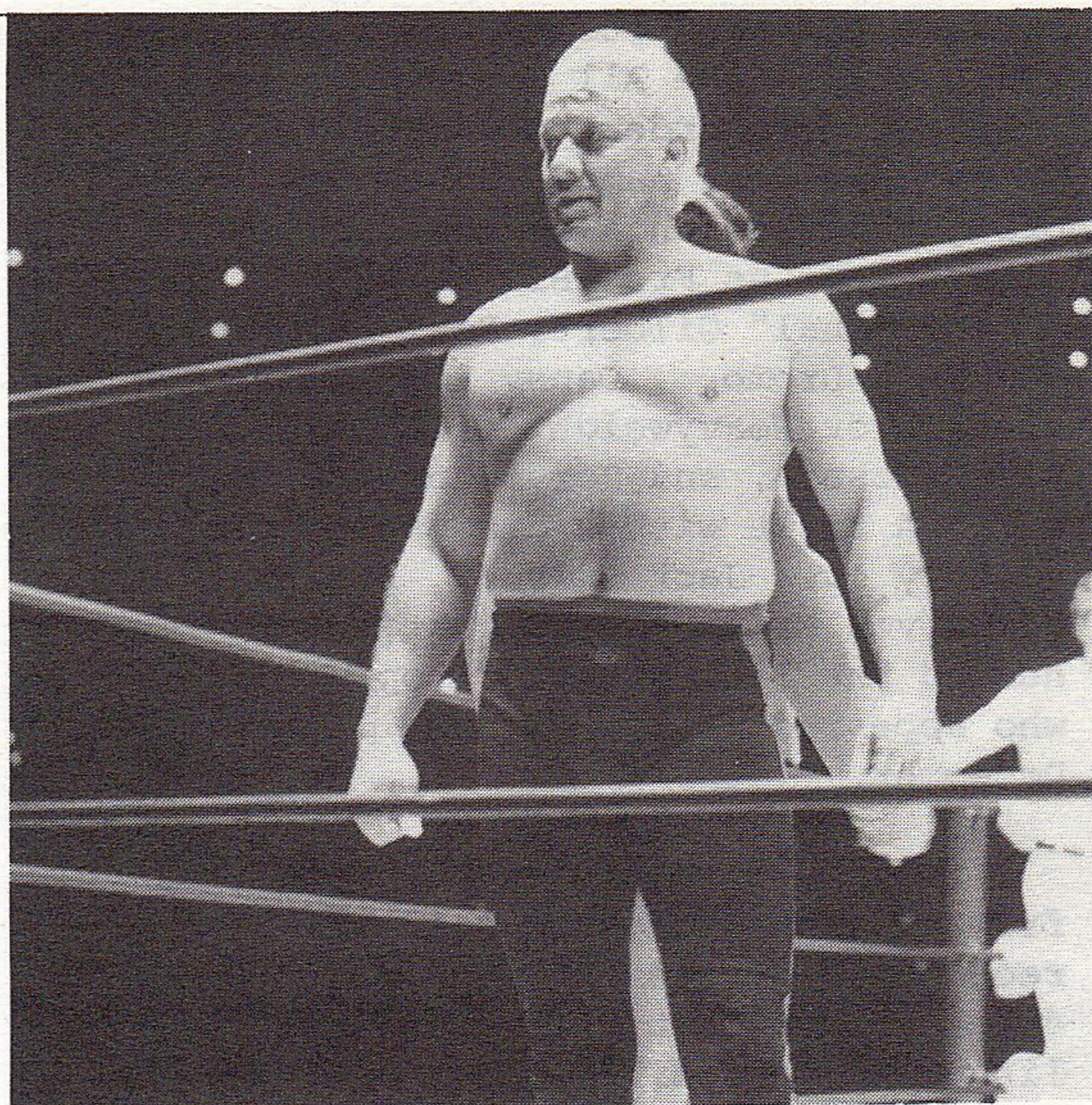
Bobby & Terry Kay's feud with Fred Swwtan & Mike DuBois continues and even though Sweetan has been using a loaded boot, Bobby won by coming off the ropes and catching DuBois in a reverse while Terry kept Sweetan from going to his aid. . . Bobby & Terry Kay also defeated Gene & Ole Anderson which was quite an upset, considering the illegal help the Andersons have been getting from the Masked Menace and Ole's taped thumb.

The despised Rene Goulet returned to Florida to face the darling of the fans, Jack Brisco, and with Jack's state title on the line, he earned a standing ovation when he wrapped up the Frenchman with his figure-4 leg-lock.

Jack & brother Jerry defeated their biggest nemeses, the Funk bros. in a one-fall encounter. When Jerry missed a dropkick, the NWA champion went for his spinning toehold, however, Jerry knocked Dory Jr. to the canvas and applied his figure-4 leg-lock as Jack held Terry off. . . The match was what is referred to in Florida as a "Lights Out" match meaning it is non-sanctioned and not recognized by the NWA. . . In a similar type bout, Jack Brisco beat world champion Dory Funk Jr., but the title could not change hands in this match that had neither a time-limit nor a disqualification rule.

Dale Lewis is now in Florida and used his sleeper hold to defeat big George "Two-ton" Harris. . . Matsuda in a match that could only be won by applying the sleeper hold successfully. Neither could qualify and the contest ended in a draw. . . Chris Markoff held the upper hand against Dale Lewis until he jumped off the top rope, which not only got him disqualified but also earned him a \$500 fine. . . Markoff teamed with Bobby Shane on December 27th, to pull a major upset by defeating Jack & Jerry Brisco, to win the Florida tag team title.

Big Bad John finally received a match with one of Florida's two top ranked villains, Paul Jones. Jones attacked John before the bell and opened a deep gash on John's forehead. For nearly five minutes the big man took a beating until he managed to land a desperation punch below the belt that sent Jones to the mat in agony. The remainder of the battle was in John's favor as he became more brutal as he spilled more and more of his own blood. And when the



referee interfered with the thrashing he was dealing out, he tossed the ref out of the ring. Hence the official ruling was victory for Jones by disqualification over Big Bad John.

When Big Bad John faced Florida's other top villain, Buddy Colt, the match was specified as a no disqualification bout. Again John started to bleed, this time inflicted by Colt's taped thumb. John stormed back and went for his pet hold, the back suplex. However, in his weakened condition, he collapsed with Colt on top. Summoning up all of his reserve strength, John managed to throw him off. Colt soon was back in control with his thumb jabs until a miscalculation coming off the ropes ended up in a mid-ring collision. John fell to the canvas across the prone Colt, and stayed there as the ref counted to three. . . . The no disqualification ruling also made it a non-title bout, so Colt did not lose his Southern title, but fans are clamoring for a rematch with the title at stake. . . Buddy Colt & Paul Jones teamed up and were disqualified against Jack Brisco & Big Bad John. . . Bob Orton Sr. gave Dory Funk Jr. an extremely rough TV match. . . With his son Bob Orton Jr. Bob has also done very well in tag action.

DECEMBER WRESTLING RESULTS FROM: THE EAST COAST. . .

Ray Stevens just about had WWWF Champion, Pedro Morales, defeated on the Dec. 18, Madison Square Garden card. Morales tried his favorite "victory" maneuver, his flying body press before Ray was adequately softened up, and the result was that Stevens tossed him from his perch before he could make the leap. Ray then applied a boston crab to Pedro in the middle of the ring, but apparently he was too anxious and excited, as he released the hold when Morales tapped him on the back, thinking it was the referee, signifying Pedro's submission. Morales got up and as Stevens strutted for the crowd, was quickly shoved into the ropes and brought into a sunset flip.

Buddy Wolfe gave Pedro some rough championship matches in Dec. Using a form of a sleeper himself, Morales had difficulty in escaping the maneuver. In one bout, Wolfe cut his head when he was thrown out of the ring and the match had to be stopped because of his bleeding when Pedro kept hitting the cut. . . Buddy lost another title bid when he made one too many attempts to ram Pedro's head into the turnbuckle. Morales shoved off, causing Wolfe himself to hit the turnbuckle headfirst and as he lay on the mat, Morales pinned him with a flying body press. . . Morales beat Professor Tanaka in a match they were fighting outside the ring. Not content to knock Pedro out of the ring with a karate chop, he followed him out and banged his head into the ring. Pedro retaliated in like manner, and returned to the ring before the final count and Tanaka.

WWWF tag champions, Tanaka & Fuji retained their title at the end of 1972 with few title matches of consequence. They went to another no contest with former champions, Sonny King and Jay Stronbow, and beat Gorilla Monsoon & El Olympico . . . When they faced the sensational Puerto Rican favorites, Morales & Victor Rivera, they lost in straight falls but since the first was by disqualification, they kept their belts.

Victor Rivera & El Olympico upset Terry Funk & Dory Funk Sr. at the Garden on the 18th. Dory used his spinning toehold to take the first fall over Olympico after Terry had given him an atomic drop. The 2nd fall saw the Funks disqualified for tossing Rivera over the top rope and double-teaming Olympico. Rivera used a dropkick off the ropes and a fast count to gain the clincher from Dory.

Mil Mascaras became the first masked wrestler to appear at Madison Square Garden on that card, and also used a flying body press to pin the Spoiler, after he had flattened him with 2 headfirst rams into the turnbuckle. . . The Spoiler's match with Chief Strongbow just saw him take too much and leave the ring for the dressing room, giving Strongbow the win on a count-out. . . Sonny King pinned the Spoiler in Baltimore after the Spoiler got mad and was ready to bodyslam the ref, King hit him with a dropkick, which toppled him to the mat for the body press. . . Also on that Baltimore card, Bobo Brazil defeated Ernie Ladd on a count-out, after knocking him from the ring with a series of coco-butts.

At the Dec. 13, TV tapings, in Hamburg, Pa., Bruno Sammartino defeated Mr. Fuji by disqualification when Tanaka interfered. He later appeared on the "dark match" not televised and pinned the Spoiler.

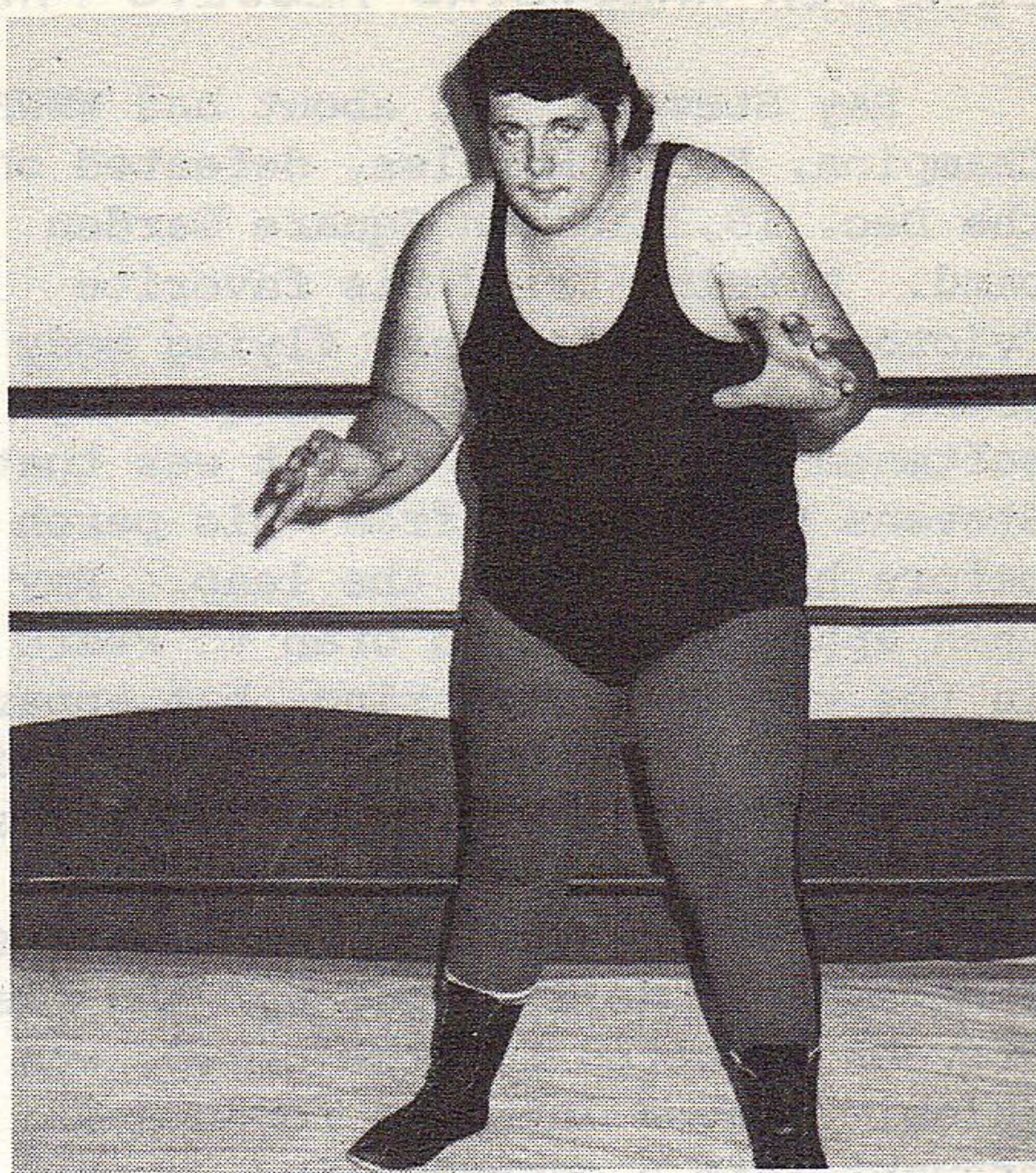
Joe Turco defeated Black Jack Slade in a surprisingly good prelim. Turco's facerakes, trunk-pulling, biting, kicking and rams into the turnbuckle, controlled the bout. Then after a low blow he kicked Slade out of the ring opening a cut over his foehead. Slade came back punching and whipping Turco into the ringpost, but did it once too often and Turco reversed it, then pinned his stunned and bleeding foe. . . Manuel Soto looked very good against Goliath who made his first N. Y. appearance until he was bodyslammed into defeat. None-the-less, Manuel defeated Al Nelson, Chuck O'Connor, Miguel Feliciano & Vincente Pometti during the month of Dec.

DECEMBER WRESTLING NEWS FROM: AROUND LAKE ERIE. . .

The United States title recognized in the Detroit area changed hands twice during the last third of the last month of the year. On Dec. 23, Bobo Brazil won back the title from Pampero Firpo. It looked bad for Brazil when Firpo grabbed him in a claw, but Brazil managed to free himself and started headbutting Firpo. The weakened Brazil fell against the ropes after sending Pampero to his knees with another cocobutt and referee Haystacks Calhoun pulled the ropes, sending Brazil down on top of Firpo so that Calhoun could count him pinned.

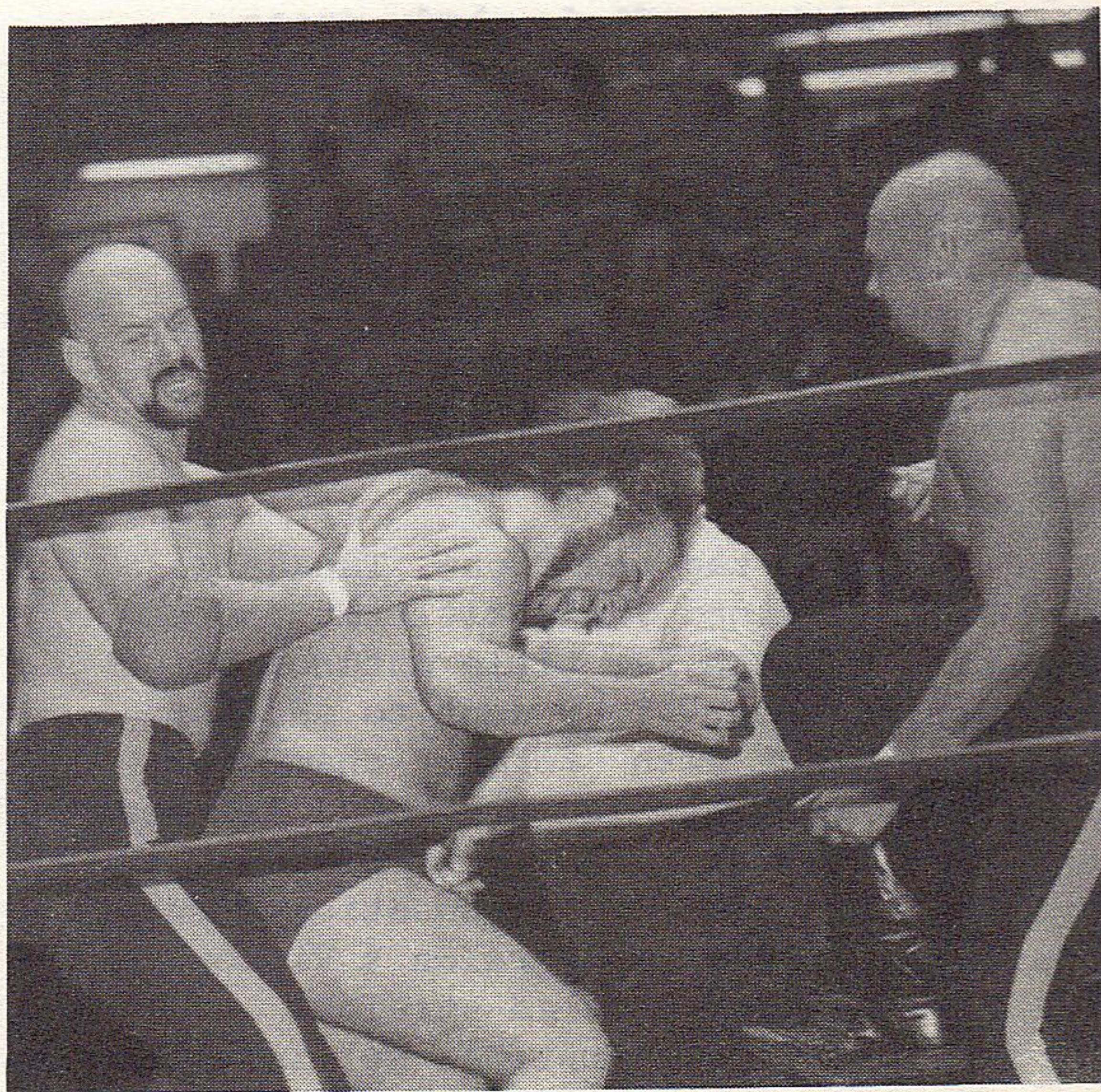
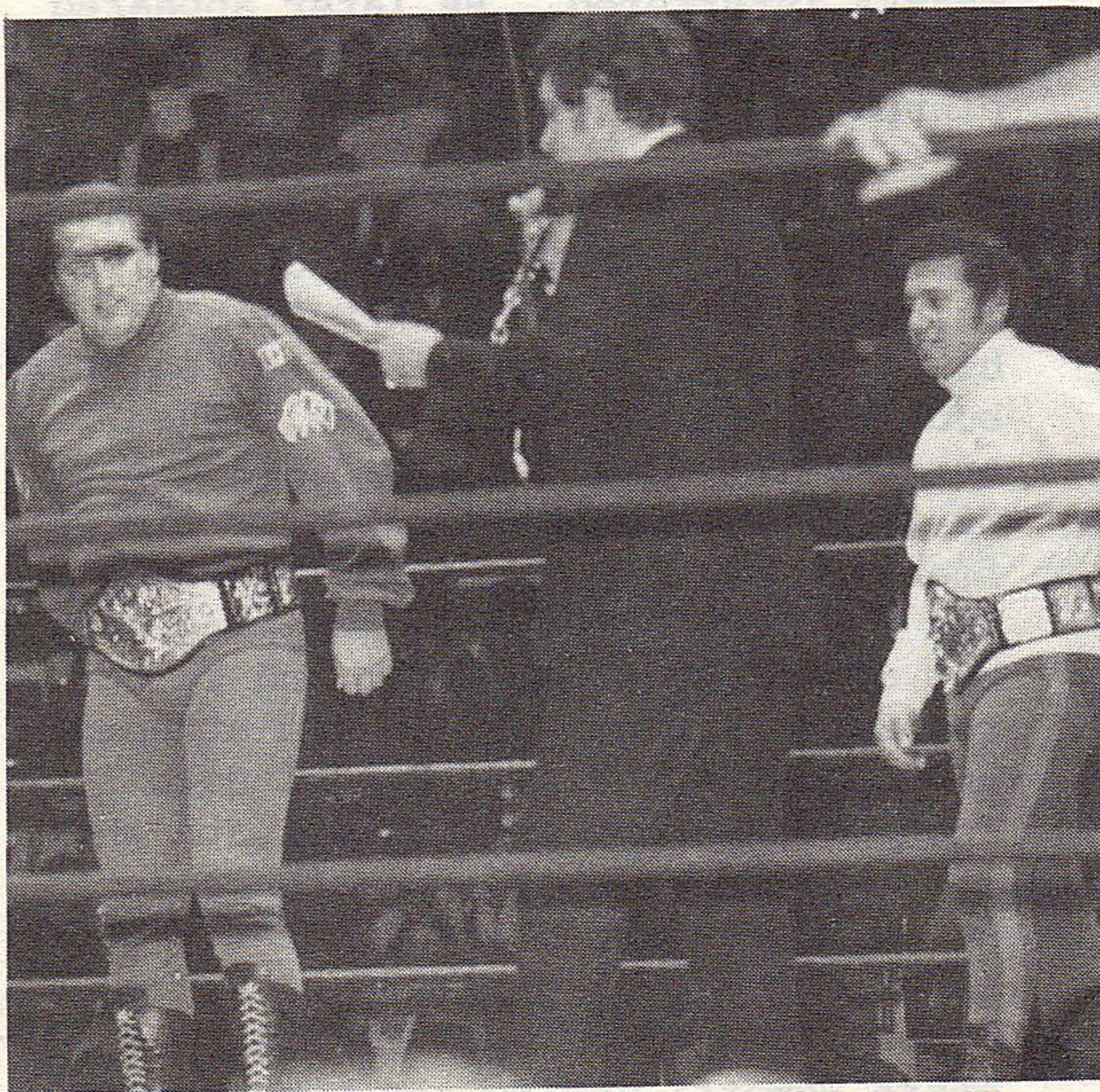
A week later, Dec. 30, Brazil was the victim of a similar pin, losing his regained belt to his hated foe, the Sheik. This match ended with a collision that knocked Brazil to the mat and the Sheik back against the ropes. This time no impetus was necessary as the Sheik fell forward with only his arm covering Bobo's chest, but it was enough for guest referee Joe Louis to have little choice but count to three.

It was a month of title changes at Cobo Hall, as the German team of Kurt von Hess & Karl von Sholtz won the tag team title on the Dec. 8 card from Ben Justice & The Stomper before an announced crowd of 8226 disappointed fans.



JIM LANCASTER has begun wrestling in preliminary matches throughout Michigan and Ohio, after receiving a thorough training from Lou Klein. Lancaster was formerly the Dayton correspondent for the WIB fan club publication that preceded the change to the Digest.

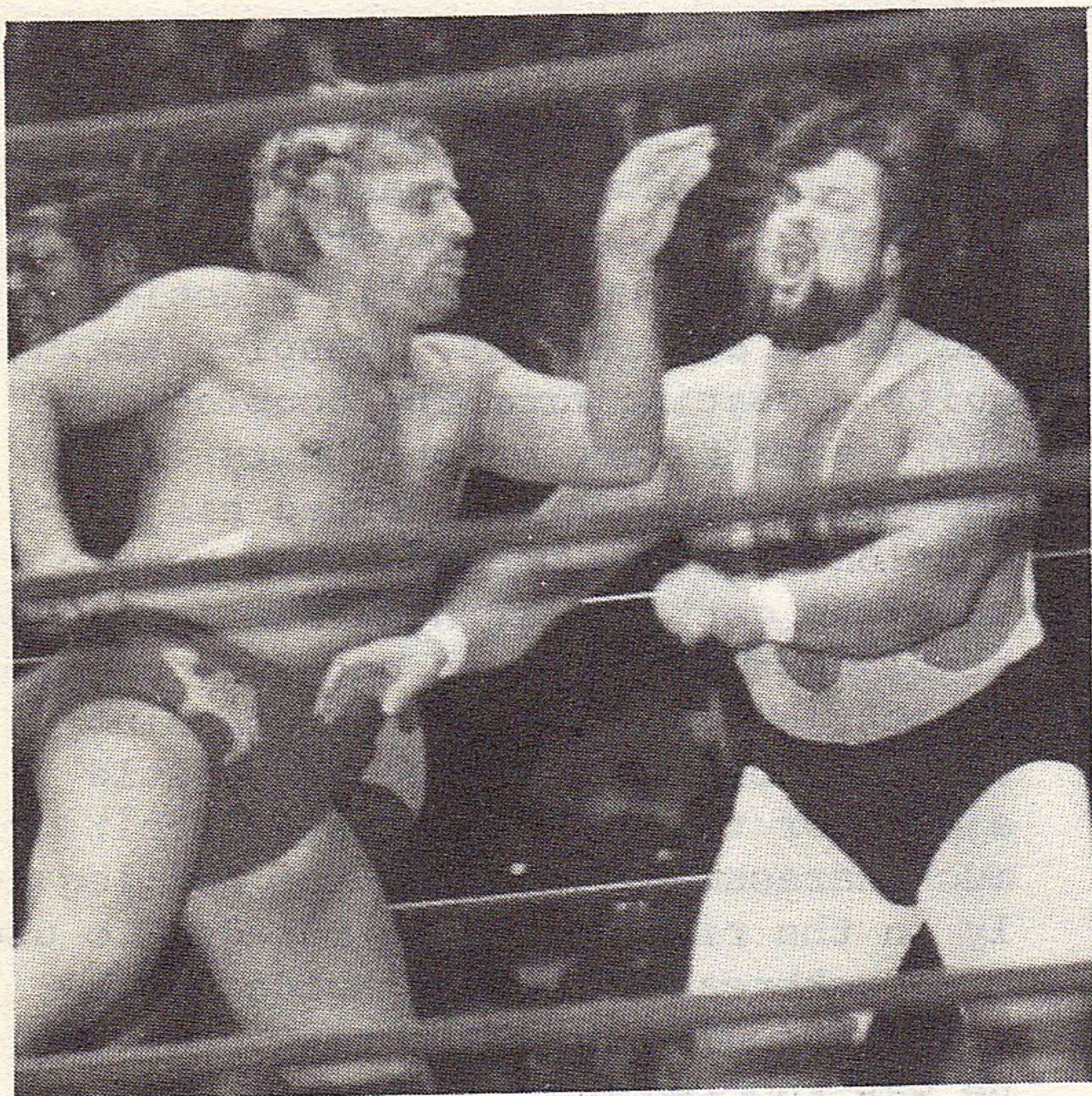
Detroit fans were disappointed not to see Eddie Creatchman do battle in a tag match with Killer Brooks against Jay Strongbow & Tony Marino. Brooks got his team disqualified in little over 2 minutes for taking off his arm-pad and using the metal in his brace.



The Stomper and Ben Justice lost the tag title to Karl von Sholtz and Kurt von Hess.

NWF World Champion continues to be Johnny Valentine despite his being on the worst end of several rugged battles. . . Valentine escaped from the powerlock of North American champ Johnny Powers by grabbing the ropes. He then went outside the ring and began brawling with Igor and was counted out, losing the match but not his belt. . . Igor had Valentine pinned when they met, using shoulderblocks, punches and headbutts, but Johnny managed to drape his foot on the bottom rope, and when Igor got up thinking he had won, he was given a brainbuster and pinned before he knew what hit him from behind. . . . Valentine's bout with ex-champion, Ernie Ladd, ended up in a no contest with both wrestlers fighting outside the ring. Again JV got the worst of it, as Ladd pinned him against the ring apron and pounded him more than a dozen times.

Waldo von ERich was involved in two matches, both short of a minute in official length. . . Powers kept his NA title, dropkicking and pinning Waldo at the bell while his back was still turned. . . Von Erich and fellow German, Hans Schmidt, have no love for one another, as evidenced by their brawling amongst the spectators after only a minute or less had elapsed.



The Sheik collides with Igor

Schmidt finally picked up a chair and chased Waldo to the dressing room.

Killer Karl Krupp attacked the Executioner before the bell and when he refused to break his face claw, was disqualified in a scant 46 seconds. . . Tony Marino and Killer Brooks were both counted out in their chain match in which both men strangled the other into unconsciousness and could not get up as the ref counted to ten. . . Don & John Fargo remain the tag team champions of the NWF.

--QUEBEC--

Vladek "Killer" Kowalski remains the Grand Prix champion and very deservedly so in face of his title defenses against ex-champion Edouard Carpentier and the Giant Jean Ferre. . . Kowalski & Mad Dog Vachon make an exceptionally great championship tag team, but will still be hard-pressed to keep it with such outstanding challengers as the LeDuc bros. von Raschke & Mulligan, Mosca & Poisson, War Eagle & Two Rivers, Brito & Bravo, and Carpentier when teamed with either Daniel Robert Jr. or Jackie Wiecz. . . Wiecz, Carpentier's cousin, won the 24-man battle royal in Quebec City against such tough competition as the LeDucs, Vachons, Carpentier, Ferre, Kowalski, War Eagle and Don Leo Jonathan.

The independent competing circuit is almost entirely comprised of NWF wrestlers. NWF Champ, Valentine, also has the Canadian title, defeating Jacques Rougeau. . . Fidel & Raoul Castillo are the tag champions tho, winning against such top teams as Parisi & DeNucci, and one of the youngest duos, Denis Gauthier (28) & Raymond Rougeau (18), Jacques' son.

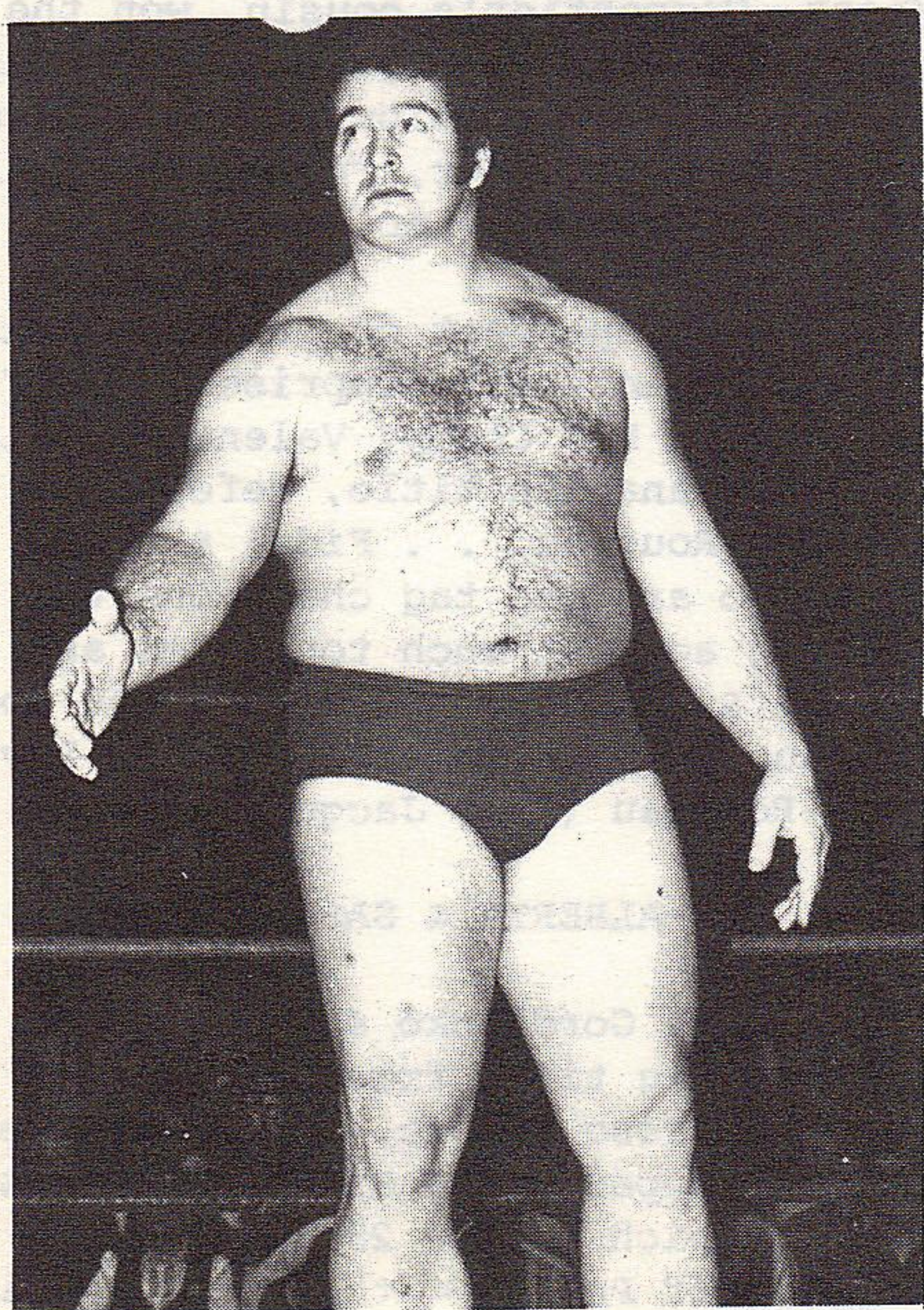
--ALBERTA & SASKATCHEWAN--

George Gordienko & Super Hawk won the tag title from Gil Hayes & Tiger Tomasso on Dec. 16, then a week later dropped it to Michel Martel & Danny Babich on the 23rd. On that same day, Geoff Portz won the North American belt from Kendo Nagasaki.

--AWA--

Ken Patera, the U.S. weightlifter who represented America in the Olympic games in Munich this summer, began his wrestling career this month, after receiving some instructions from the AWA champion himself, Verne Gagne. . . His first tour around the circuit saw him paired against two wrestlers who could never be considered as soft touches - Rene Goulet and Larry Hennig. Neither of these veterans could handle the tremendous strength of Patera, even when resorting to foreign objects. . . Bob Bruggers, Rick Flair, Jim Brunzell & Jim Burgess are other young matmen from the Northland who have gone thru a training period with Gagne and are now getting their baptisms of fire, in preliminary matches.

Dr. X used speed and intelligence to cope with the strength of Ivan Koloff and was impressive when he threw Koloff from the ring and then kneedropped him from the apron. But try as hard as he could, Dr. X could not properly apply his figure-4 leglock on Ivan. And when Koloff dodged out of the way of a kneedrop in the corner, causing Dr. X to hit the turnbuckle, the Russian worked over



Ken Patera

the masked man's leg, then forced him to concede to a boston crab. . . Wahoo McDaniel bettered Koloff in a 2-fall match, using his tomahawk chops to emerge victorious. . . Rene Goulet had to substitute for Lanie Kealoha (who missed a number of engagements due to an injury) and found himself in the ring with Koloff. Goulet gave the Russian quite a match, several times coming close to pinning him, as Goulet was especially effective with elbow smashes. Rene finally made a mistake with a bodyblock and was pinned after a kneedrop off the second rope. . . Nick Bockwinkel also met Koloff in a December main event that was truly give-and-take. Nick resorted to the use of a foreign object and choking, but the match ended in a no contest when both landed outside the ring and fought out there rather than return to the mat.

Dick Murdoch was disqualified against Angelo Mosca in Winnipeg. Dick accidentally bodyblocked the ref, knocking him unconscious and an idiot fan (?) reacted by throwing a beer bottle into the ring. Murdoch picked it up and started using it on the Canadian football player's head. Promoter Al Tomko, had to jump into the ring and stop the wild attack by disqualifying Dick.

Murdoch and his "Outlaw" tag mate, Dusty Rhodes, wreaked havoc in the television studio, with the result that both Don Muraco & Billy Robinson had to be carried out. Despite taking quite a beating from the double-teaming, dazed Muraco caught Dusty in an abdominal stretch and forced his submission. In the second fall, Muraco ended up getting his head run into the steel post and Don was not only counted out, but carried to the dressing room. Robinson insisted he wrestle alone for the third fall and despite much harassment from the one not legal in the ring, Robinson managed to use his backbreaker and pin Murdoch. Before he could leave the ring, however, he was knocked out of the ring and piledrivered into the concrete floor

of the TV studio by Murdoch.

Despite a mammoth snow fall that prevented 6 of the scheduled 10 wrestlers from arriving, some 5000 fans turned out at the Denver Auditorium on Dec. 29. The rearranged card saw each of four wrestlers battle twice. Joe Scarpello, who wasn't on the original lineup, lost the first two bouts of the evening to Dr. X and Superstar Graham. A fresh Wahoo McDaniel then beat Dr. X. Then came the main event grudge contest that all the fans wanted to see: Graham vs. McDaniel. Unfortunately it did not turn out the way they had hoped, as Graham won the 2-3 fall match. . . The Graham-McDaniel feud surpasses any other rivalry on the circuit this year, and more often than not it ends in a bloodbath with one or both disqualified.

With just a little over 24 hours left in 1972, Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens, who had held the title since Jan. 20, dropped the tag title in Minneapolis to Billy Robinson & Verne Gagne. . . Robinson had a good month of December, claiming victories over Murdoch, Bockwinkel, Koloff and Rhodes. . . Rhodes was also defeated by AWA Champion, Verne Gagne, in a one-fall match, with Gagne using a dropkick to set up the pin.

Main events that pitted local favorites, Ramon Torres & Reggie Parks against obviously superior opponents, Koloff & Bockwinkel; ticket price increase from \$2.50 to \$4.00; new parking prices of \$1.00; TV matches opposite Nebraska football, little in the way of other forms of advertising & publicity; and extremely cold weather with forecasts of snow; all these reasons added up to what was considered to be the smallest crowd in Omaha wrestling history - 814.

--WWA--

Bruiser & Crusher finally took the tag team championship from the Black Jacks in a no disqualification cage match. . . Baron von Raschke remains the WWA Heavyweight champion,

although he has had to depend on Bobby Heenan's interference to keep him from dropping the belt to Cowboy Bob Ellis. . . Ellis also was disqualified in one bout as he went wild and threw the ref out of the ring. . . The Crusher also came close to winning the title as he beat von Raschke with a stomach claw to take the third fall. The second fall had resulted in both men being disqualified for fighting out of the ring, and since Heenan had helped the Baron to win the first fall, the bout ended officially in a draw.

Manager Mark Manson won matches against Paul Christy and Prince Pullins, thanks to some timely interference from Ken Dillinger. . . However, Billy Red Cloud gave Manson a thorough beating and before using a tomahawk chop to pin the long-haired manager, Billy had stood on his hair and tied it to the tag team rope, creating two serious predicaments for the Graduates' manager.

In Hammond, the Black Jacks lost the first fall of their tag match when Mulligan was caught in Snyder's abdominal stretch. Upset because the manager, Bobby Heenan had been hurt by a Cowboy Ellis' bulldog headlock and was not at ringside, the Black-Jacks went to the dressing room and returned with Baron von Raschke. The Baron was needed to trip Moose Cholak as he was going for his big splash, to take the deciding fall.

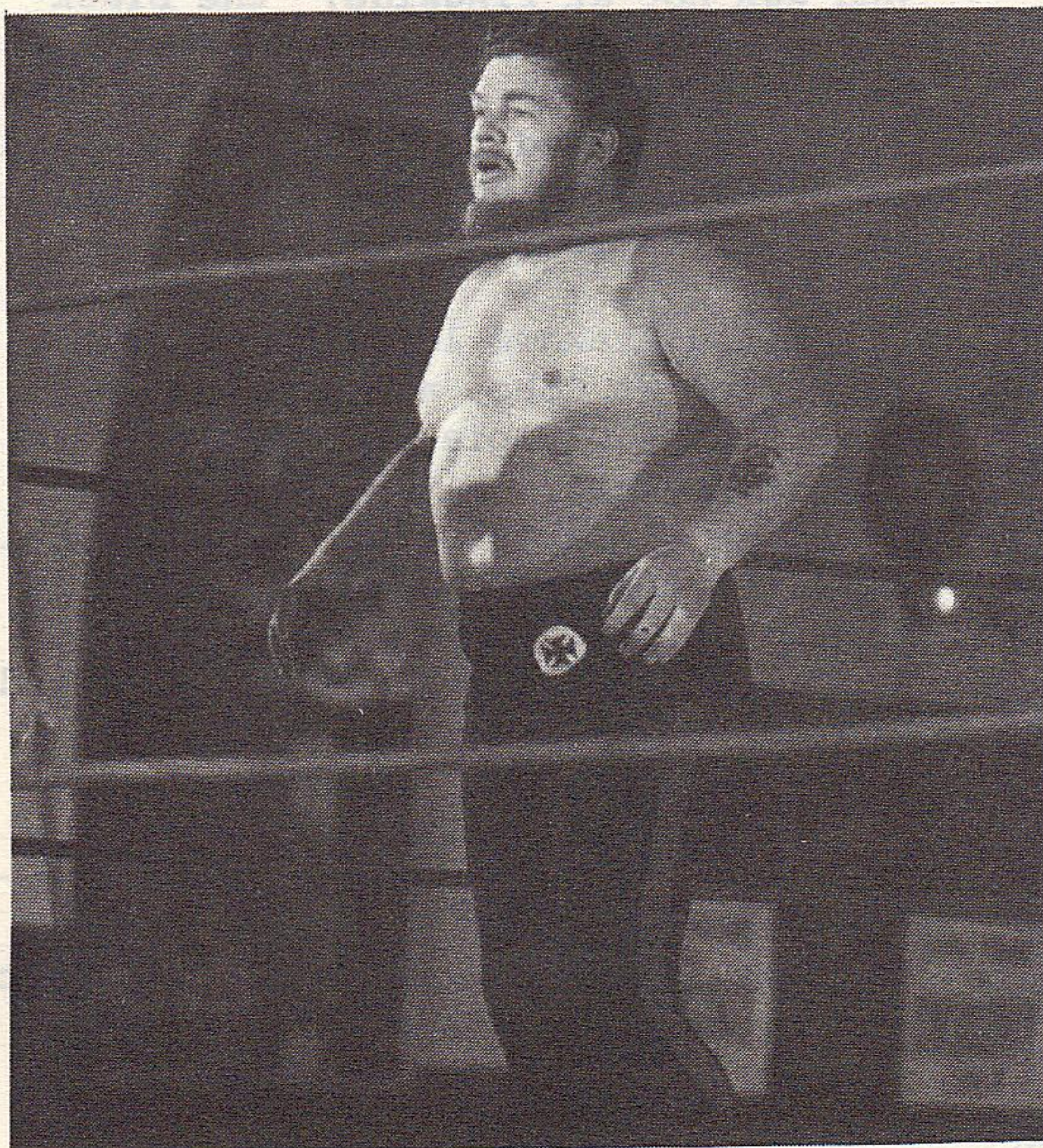
Mitsu Arakawa left the Detroit promotion at Cobo, and began wrestling at the Olympia and teaming with Higo Hamaguchi. Mitsu threw salt in Moose Cholak's eyes as Hamaguchi diverted the ref, to help Higo win the match. . . As a team they also used salt to win over Billy Red Cloud & Bobby Bold Eagle.

Ernie Ladd wrestled Cowboy Ellis to a no contest and began associating with Bobby Heenan. . . Jimmy Valiant is also in the area. . . Ditt the Stomper who slaughtered Frankie Adonis just as Ladd had done.

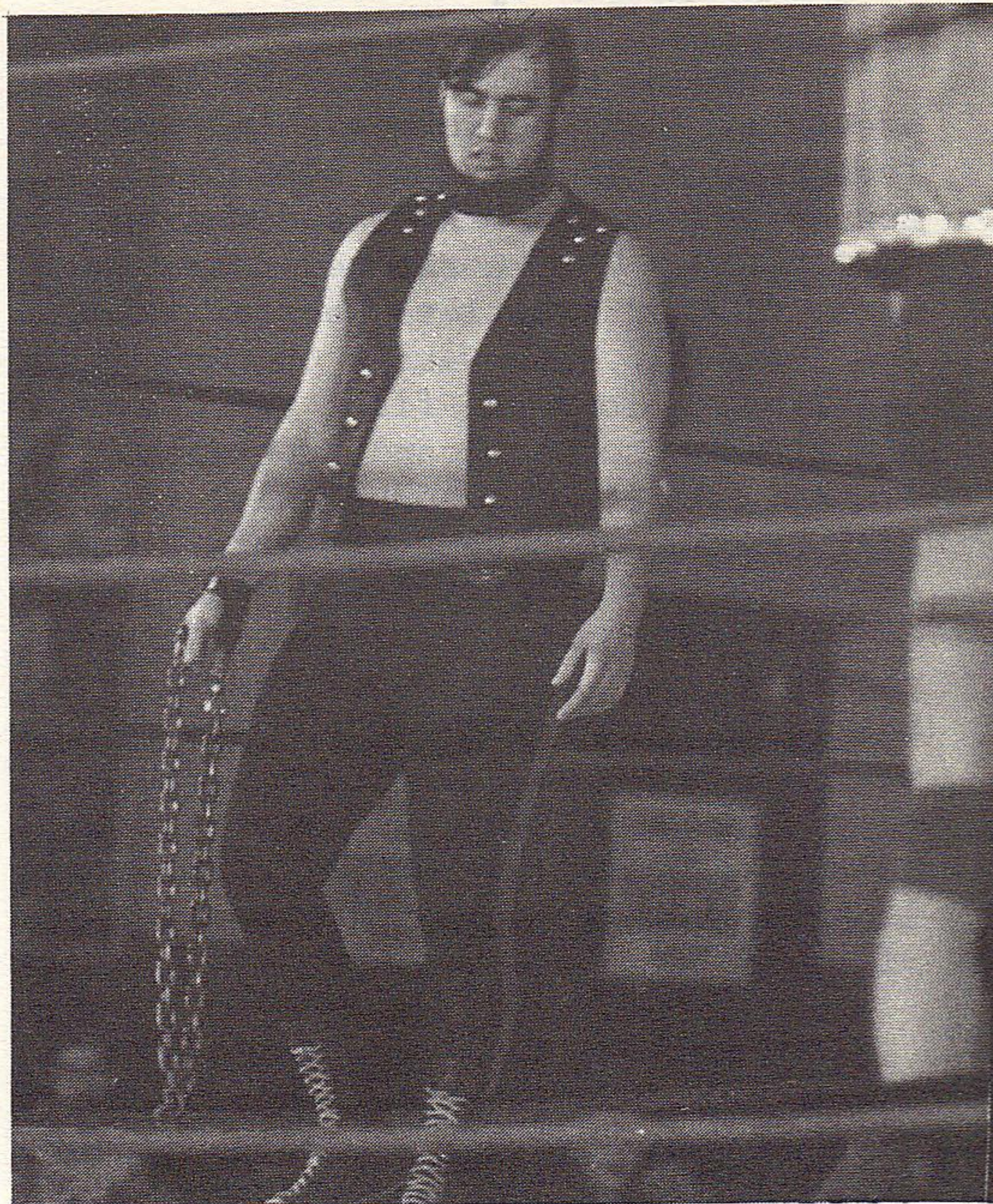
International Wrestling Promotions has begun promoting topflight wrestling cards in different Wisconsin towns. They also tape TV shows in Monroe to be shown on cable TV. Here's what happened during some of the matches made for TV on Dec. 17th:

1. Big, Black, and Beautiful Gene Gordon came out and stomped and choked J.J. Jackson. Jackson came back with a solid bodyblock that knocked Gordon out on the apron and almost out of the ring, but Gene was just too big and rough for Jackson who couldn't bodyslam or hold him in a fullnelson.

2. Young Steve Dalton and the veteran Billy Lynch, two exciting scientific wrestlers met. Soon both were throwing forearms and doing some kicking. Fans who have seen Lynch before, couldn't believe the way he kicked Dalton and rammed his head into the turnbuckle. Steve was bleeding, and then jumping into the ring was a big hulk of a man, only where his face should be, was the mask of an animal --a rat. He began biting at Dalton's bloody forehead, while Lynch sat on the turnbuckle laughing and applauding. It took a while to clear the ring of those two, and help Dalton, winner via disqualification, to the dressing room.



Kurt von Stroheim



3. Kurt von Stroheim & Killer Dick Jacks, masters at taking opponents into their corner, distracting the ref and double-teaming, easily won in straight falls, over Col. Roger Peabody & Pete Peterson.

4. The fans loved the quick way Red Ryan & Johnny Gilbert polished off the strutting "pretty boy" Buddy Pearl & the arrogant Pete Colt, who had made the mistake of attacking the heroes before the bell. Gilbert whipped Pearl into the ropes and wrapped him up in his cobra twist; The second fall was just as easy as Pearl & Colt were whipped into a mid-ring collision, and then while Ryan applied a boston crab to Colt, Johnny was tossing Pearl out of the ring.

5. Col. Roger Peabody had the misfortune of being kicked, bodyblocked, and rammed into the turnbuckle by Gene Gordon, who also used a boston crab to gain victory.

6. Not one to lack courage, Steve Dalton returned to face the Ratman. Fortunately for Steve, it was a handicap match and he had Vic Eagles for a partner. It didn't turn out to be much of a handi-

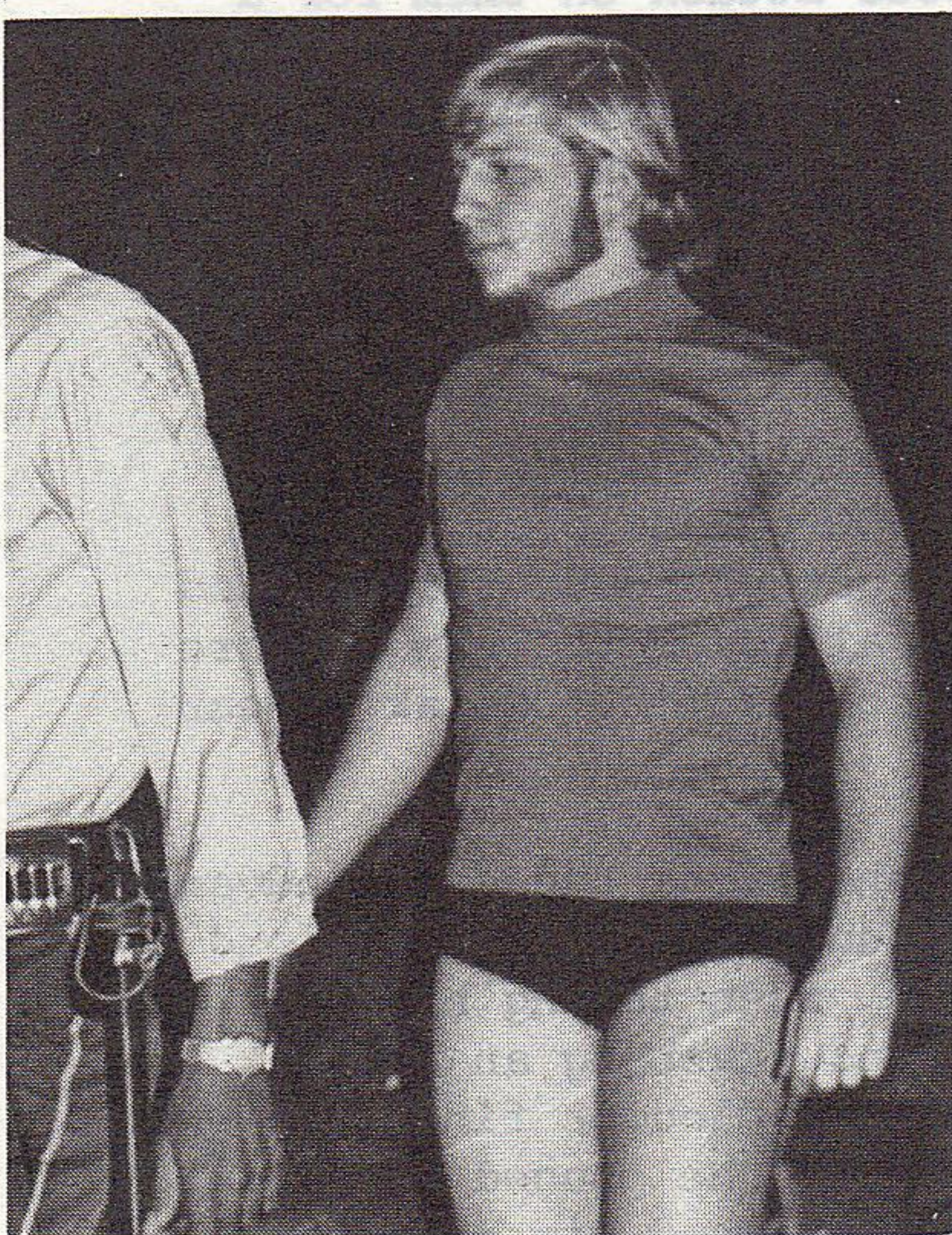
cap, since Billy Lynch came out to second the Ratman. This mysterious creature elbowed, rammed to the turnbuckle, hit in the throat, choked, and stomped both Eagles and Dalton. By utilizing their speed and good ring movements, Vic & Steve had their moments as they bit his goved hand, kicked him into Lynch, and with a double dropkick sent him sailing out of the ring. But the Ratman was just too overpowering, especially with Lynch to help out a little, and finally the Ratman jumped onto Eagles' stomach and then applied a clawhold.

7. Popular John "Red" Ryan then fought Pete Colt in a singles match and used leverage and bodyflips to control the bout. One of Ryan's flips sent Colt through the ropes, falling out of the ring. Pete was dazed and counted out, but Ryan stating it was done unintentionally, insisted that the match be declared a draw.

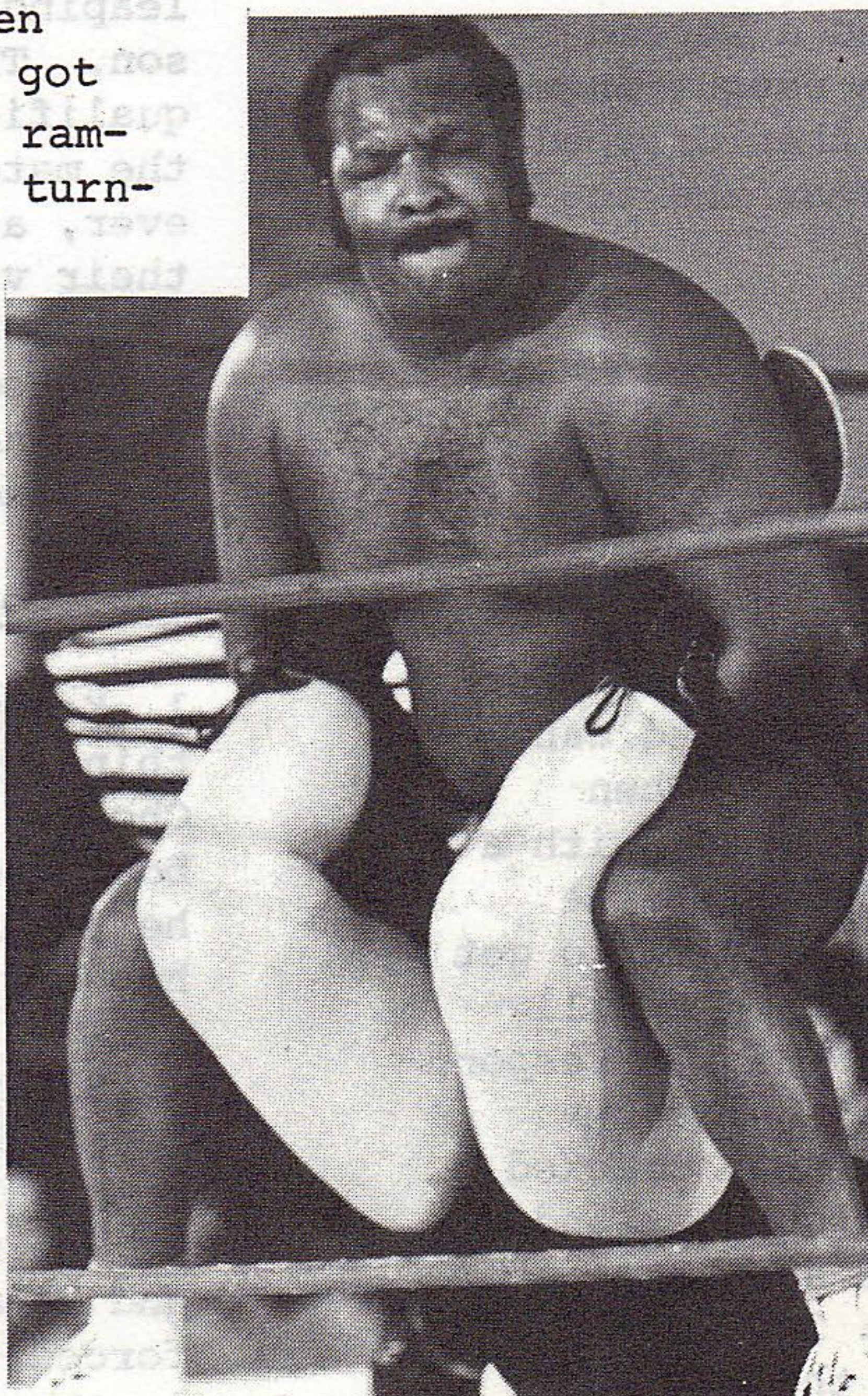
8. Dick Jacks & Kurt von Stroheim met arch enemies Johnny Gilbert & Tiny Tim Hampton. Jacks unwisely began by trying to ram Tiny's head into Kurt's extended knee, but he only succeeded in bruising Kurt's knee. Tim walked into a kick and was then choked, but another headbutt, got him out of trouble, and after ramming Jacks headfirst into the turn-

buckle, he tagged Gilbert, who tossed Dick out of the ring, then rammed his head into Stroheim's when he jumped back up on the apron. Tim & Johnny whipped Kurt & Dick into a mid-ring collision but as the ref ran Hampton out, Kurt was able to pull Gilbert off his partner. After several interferences, Hampton was finally able to pin von Stroheim following a headbutt.

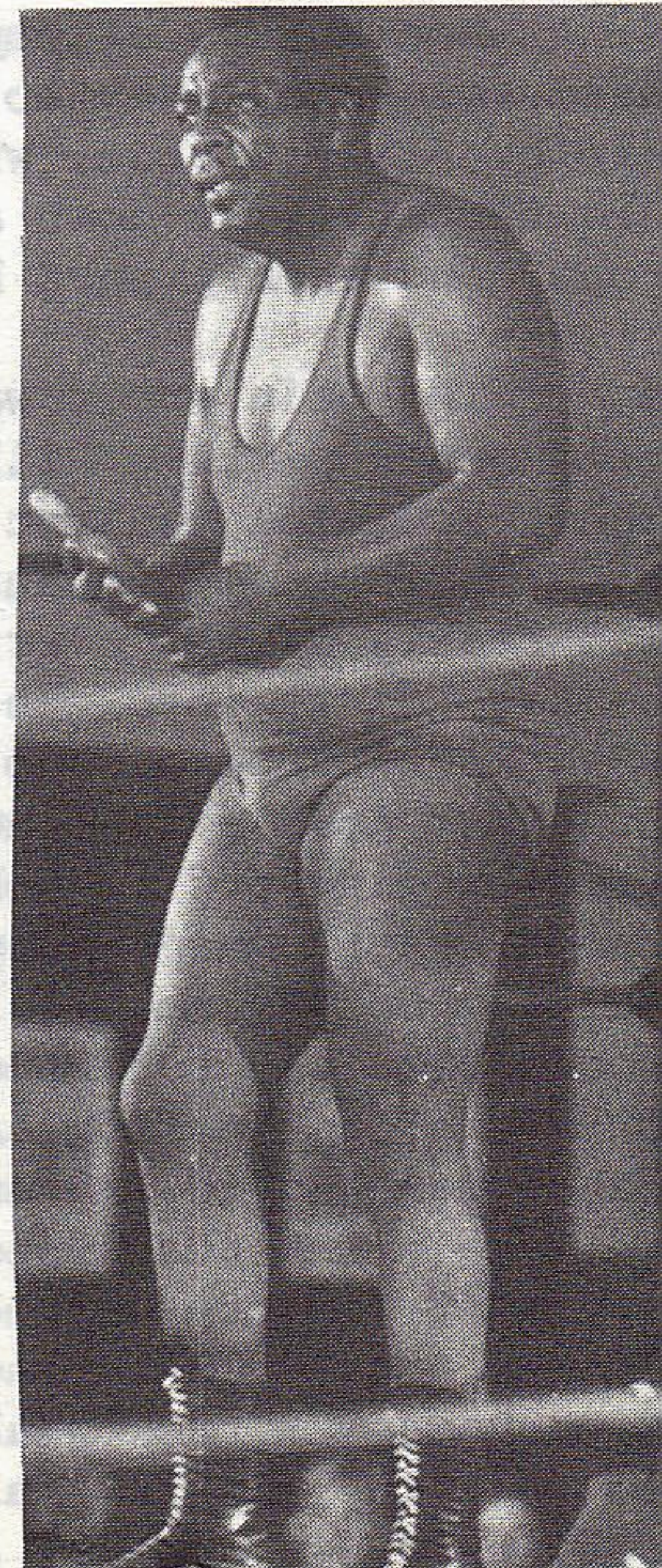
I have enjoyed the wrestling shows put on in Wisconsin extremely and can usually be found at them. I urge people in the Monroe area to attend the next taping session which will be held at Turner Hall on Sun. Mar. 25, and every 3 weeks thereafter. Not only three hours of TV tapes, but a special match not seen on TV. . . Fans in the Racine area can see IWF wrestling in Racine Apr. 14 and May 26. On May 26, Bulldog Drummer will be brought in to wrestle Victor the Bear. On Apr. 14, the winner of the battle royal will become the IWF champion. It will indeed be a "night of champions" as a light-heavyweight and tag team title will also be determined.



Steve Dalton



Gene Gordon



Tiny Tim Hampton

FIRST HAND REPORTS

Milwaukee, Dec. 3.

1. George Scott opened the card by wrestling to a very exciting 20:00 draw with Chris Markoff.
2. An angry Joe Scarpello charged back into the ring after being thrown out by Larry Hennig, only to run into a fist holding a foreign object, which enabled Pretty Boy to pin him.
3. Cowboy Lang & Farmer Pete took a 2-3 fall midget tag bout from Billy the Kid & Little Tokyo: 1) Billy the Kid pinned Lang, who was softened up by Tokyo's chops; 2) Pete ducked as Little Tokyo aimed a judo chop at him while he was being held by Billy. The Kid caught the chop instead and was then pinned by the Farmer; (3) Cowboy Lang was in the process of giving his little Japanese foe some Kangaroo flips--throwing him across the ring to land hard on the mat. Billy the Kid came in to help his partner and the Cowboy flipped Little Tokyo into him. He then gave Tokyo an airplane spin and pinned him.
4. Don Muraco attempted a second flying head scissors, only to be caught in mid-air by Billy Graham, who then dropped him throat-first down across the top rope, and then pinned him.
5. The main event was an exciting tag team match pitting Billy Robinson & Wahoo McDaniel against Dusty Rhodes & Dick Murdoch: 1) McDaniel started and was really worked over. He was smashed face-first into the mat, elbowed, and even kneed from a drop off the 2nd rope. Constant double-teaming prevented Wahoo from tagging off to Robinson. When Wahoo caught Murdoch by surprise with a jolting body slam, it looked like he would get away but Rhodes managed to get in and stop him from tagging. Finally Wahoo managed to tag and Robinson responded like a man possessed with his own style of forearm smashes, then cracked Rhodes & Murdoch's heads together and gave Rhodes a backbreaker and pinned him to take the opening fall; 2) Robinson continued his assault as the 2nd fall got underway, pushing Dusty face first

into the ropes and kneeling him back of his legs, when he came off. After several punches, McDaniel came in landing a series of effective tomahawk chops until he ran into Rhodes' knee. Murdoch entered and Wahoo was again double-teamed. Robinson tried coming to his aid only to be restrained by the ref. Rhodes rammed McDaniel's bandaged head into the turnbuckle and into Dick's knee. Wahoo fought back with tomahawk chops and with Dusty out on his feet, went to tag Billy. Again he was kept from doing so, as Murdoch interfered. Coming off the ropes, the two collided but Murdoch was able to tag Rhodes whose elbow smashes knocked the bandage off and made McDaniel a bloody mess. Even so, Wahoo tagged Robinson whose forearms and dropkicks soon had Murdoch on the run. Then he missed a dropkick and was quickly swarmed upon by Dick & Dusty, who even used a foreign object. Again the ref was distracted, ordering McDaniel out of the ring, however, he turned around just in time to see both Murdoch & Rhodes leaping off the top rope onto Robinson. The referee immediately disqualified them, giving Billy & Wahoo the match in straight falls, however, as Rhodes & Murdoch continued their vicious attack on them for a couple of extra minutes, they left the ring looking like anything but winners. Especially McDaniel who had been spurting forth blood like a fountain.

Chicago, Dec. 16.

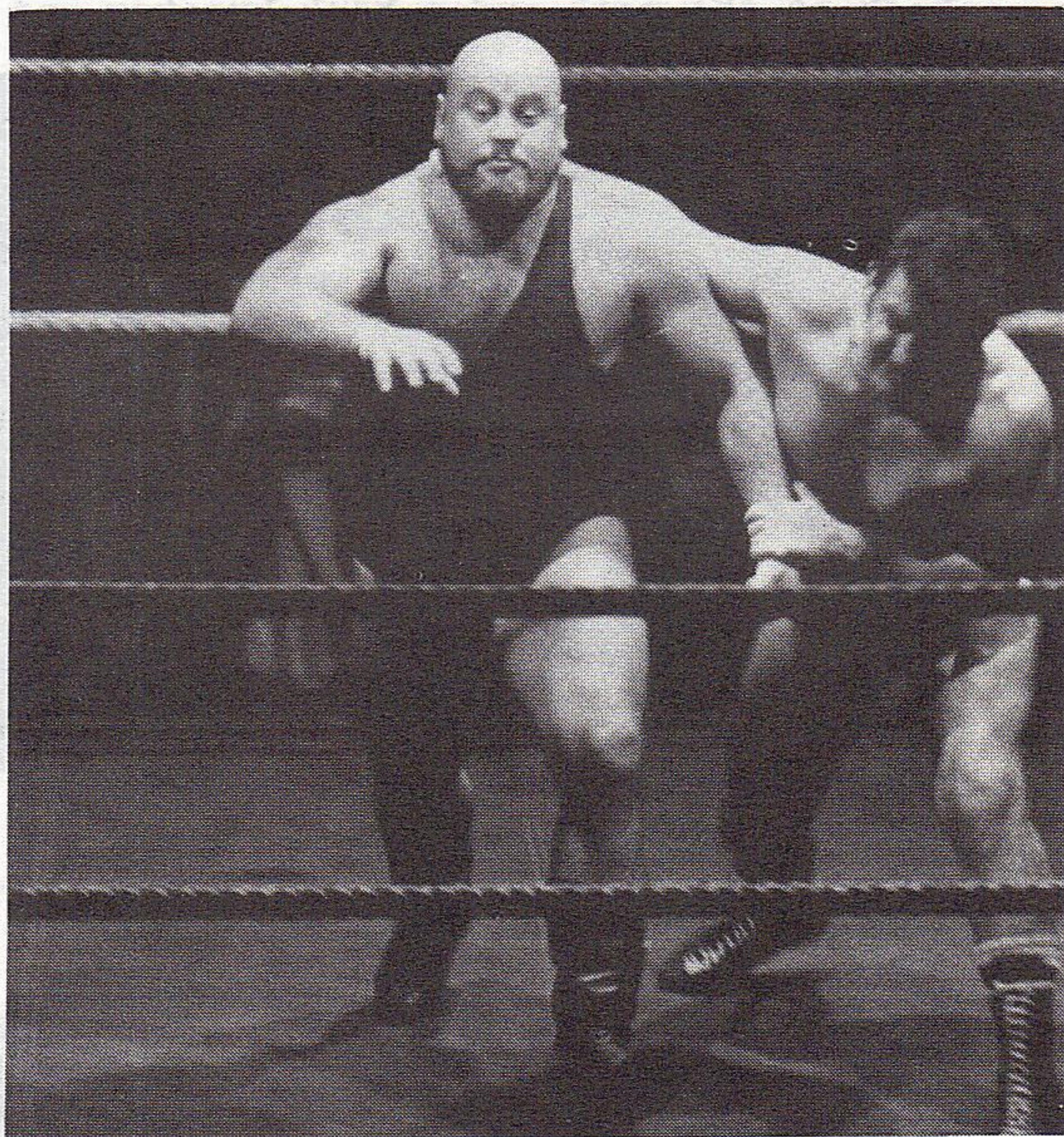
1. Kenny Dillinger couldn't do anything with 300 pounds plus, Moose Cholak, and got pounded, flipped and bodyblocked all over the ring before he finally conceded to Cholak's bear-hug.
2. Billy Graham took the early advantage after punching Billy Red Cloud on the break, then taking him down to the mat and grabbing an armlock and bending Red Cloud's fingers. When forced to break, he gouged the Indian in the eyes, whipped him into the turnbuckle and delivered a series of kicks.

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Then Red Cloud took the offensive with tomahawk chops, double chops, and a poor bulldog headlock that lacked effectiveness. Red Cloud reacted to Graham's plea for mercy while on his knees with another tomahawk chop that sent the Superstar through the ropes onto the apron. Still another chop tangled Graham into the ropes and then fell to the floor. Red Cloud brought him back in with a flying mare, then walked on his head. Red Cloud grabbed a headlock only to have Graham shove him off into the ropes and catch him with a knee when he came off. Graham went back to kicking and ramming the Indian into the turnbuckle only to have Red Cloud reverse it and whip him into the turnbuckle, Red Cloud brought both knees up connecting with Superstar's chin, then seemed to run in place, bringing up his knees in a rapid-fire order, making contact with Graham's chest. Red Cloud attempted to whip him into the turnbuckle but Graham reversed it and tossed the Indian into it instead. He then went for a shoulderblock but missed. Graham fell to the mat and Red Cloud went for the pin, only to have Billy put his foot on the rope. When Graham got up, Red Cloud jumped onto his back and covered his eyes, but Graham made it into the ropes, causing the hold to be broken. Graham then began an attack of elbow smashes, a body slam and kicks, then tried for an elbow drop only to find that the Indian had rolled away. Red Cloud went for a flying head scissors as the Superstar tried to shake off the pain in his elbow. Red Cloud went for another flying head scissors, only this time Graham was waiting for him and caught him, then dropped him across the top rope, throat first. He then pinned Red Cloud and not being satisfied, gave him several kneedrops afterwards.

3. Wilbur Snyder gave Larry Hennig a few punches, kneedrops and kneelifts, but was anything but impressive against Hennig who dominated the bout with elbow smashes and using his foreign object in the kneepad. Wilbur won, however, when he was whipped into the ropes a second time for a bodyflip and as he was being flipped, caught Larry on the way over and somersaulted him to the mat, using his legs to hold Hennig's shoulders down for a pin.

4. Billy Robinson worked on Ivan Koloff's legs with kneedrops to the insides of the leg and grabbing the leg to fall in the opposite direction from the way the leg is supposed to bend. Koloff fought back with kicks and punches. Ivan caught Billy and put him in his backbreaker, but Robinson managed to wiggle and slide down. After a bodyslam, Koloff started to climb the ropes but realized he was too far away for a kneedrop so he got down, grabbed Billy in a bearhug and rammed him back-first into the turnbuckle and tossed him down so he could successfully drop down from the rope. The jump failed when Robinson rolled away, then went back to working over the leg with stomps. Ivan's kicks halted Robinson's offensive of elbows and shoulder-flips. Robinson kicked back, then they grabbed one another and ended up wrestling each other through the ropes out of the ring where both were counted out.

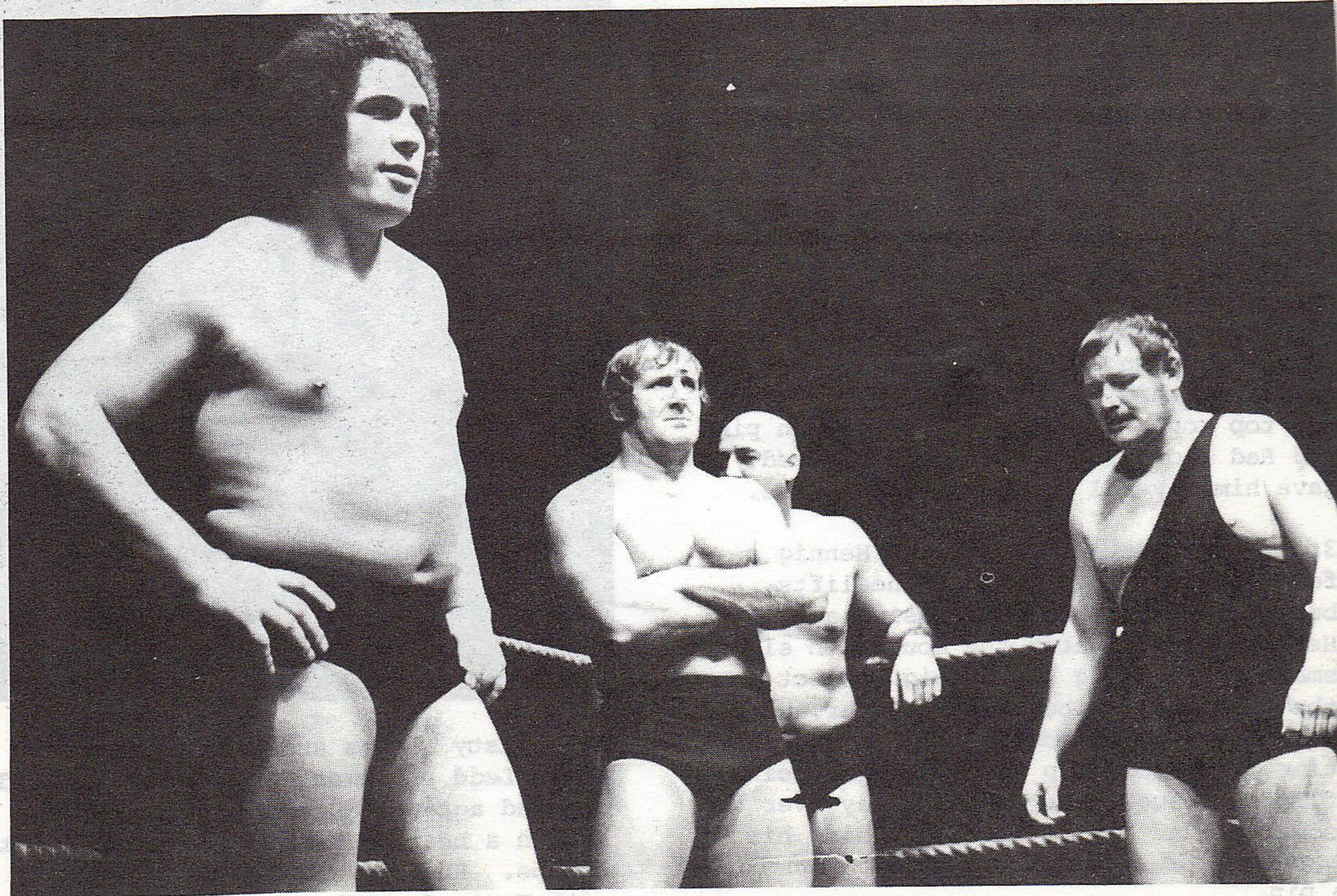


5. Dusty Rhodes and Dick Murdoch vs. Ernie Ladd & Seaman Art Thomas: 1) Ladd started against Murdoch and grabbed him in a bearhug from which he couldn't escape. Rhodes, who had been jawing with Ernie from the moment they were

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both in the ring, started shouting advice. Ladd let Murdoch tag Dusty who thought Ernie hadn't seen the tag and when he entered and tried to sneak up on him, Ladd caught him with a vicious backward kick. Dusty kept pointing his finger to his jaw, daring Ladd to hit him there, then turning his back and walking away. Finally Ladd did nail Dusty with a punch before he could turn his back and when Rhodes got up, he found himself near Thomas, and gingerly stepped away and around the ring to tag his partner. Murdoch momentarily had Ladd in trouble with elbow smashes but then he was whipped into the ropes and bounded off to run into Ladd's big, extended foot. Dusty & Thomas tagged in to face one another. Thomas flexed his muscular chest and Rhodes grabbed it in both hands in a claw. Thomas then grabbed Rhodes' chest and squeezed causing him to release the hold and squeal in pain. Thomas was soon in trouble as Rhodes began gouging, elbowing and biting. Thomas finally lost the first fall, after Rhodes had given him some elbows to the back of the neck and a back breaker and

then Murdoch leaped from the second rope onto him. They both hit Thomas with elbow drops and kneedrops and then Dusty pinned him. 2) Between falls, Dick & Dusty tried baiting Ladd into going after one of them, so the other could work over his partner some more. Rhodes even spit in Ladd's face. Thomas came back to take the fall with a bearhug on Rhodes after he had combined with Ladd to squeeze him in a bearhug between them. 3) The third fall saw Ladd in trouble, double-teamed after he hurt his back when he was flipped. Thomas tried to help his partner who was absorbing kicks and elbows, but the ref forced him to leave, but as he was going to get out, Murdoch hit him with a dropkick that took him by surprise and knocked him over the top rope and out onto the floor. Ladd continued to take the beating as Thomas lay on the floor, then Ernie fought back, knocking them all over the ring. He then went over to Thomas who just got back on the ring apron and began yelling at him for not com-



Andre Rousimoff, Reggie Parks, Billy Red Cloud & Jack Pesek prior to the battle royal.

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ing to his aid. He then flipped Thomas into the ring and hit him with several punches and then walked out, as Art jumped into the ring and hit him with several punches and then walked out, as Thomas fell victim to kicks and elbow-drops from Rhodes and Murdoch, so he was in no condition to prevent Murdoch's winning pin.

6. The conclusion of the 1-fall main event between Wahoo McDaniel and Nick Bockwinkel, saw Wahoo punch and slam Nick to the mat and try for the pin, only to have the ref break it up because Bockwinkel managed to drape his leg on the rope. As they got up, Bockwinkel went for a cradle but McDaniel aimed a couple tomahawk chops to knock him away. Wahoo then hit Nick with another tomahawk chop and went for another pin, and again Bockwinkel draped his foot on the rope. Knowing there could be no legal pin, Nick did not attempt to roll his shoulder or flip out, however, the referee ignored the obvious and counted to three, awarding the victory to McDaniel.

Chicago, Dec. 29

1. Dick Murdoch won in hero fashion after taking quite a beating. Billy Red Cloud tried giving him a tomahawk chop as he came off the ropes, but Dick ducked, picked up Billy and gave him an atomic drop and pinned him.

2. George Scott surprised the fans by holding Black Jack Mulligan to a 20 minute draw.

3. Seaman Art Thomas had no trouble with Johnny Kace, winning with a bear-hug applied from behind him.

4. Jack Pesek was also overmatched, taking a beating from Black Jack Lanza's foreign object and rams into the turnbuckle before getting caught in Lanza's cobra clutch.

5. Reggie Parks won on disqualification because Larry Hennig was kneeling him with his kneepad (containing a foreign object) and elbowing him, and not allowing him to return to the ring after he had tossed him out.

6. An even battle between Wilbur Snyder (who used arm drags, head scissors and flips) and Dusty Rhodes, ended when tag partner, Dick Murdoch jumped up on the apron. Snyder went after him and started brawling with him, allowing Rhodes to sneak up behind him with a knee to the back, that sent him to the mat, where Dusty landed on him with a quick elbow drop to the head and pinned him.

7. The main event was a 15-man battle royal. Two wrestlers who were not in the prelim matches, were the first two tossed out. Rick Flair was out first, double-teamed by Lanza & Hennig. Dale Lewis was second to be thrown out by Mulligan. Jack Pesek was the third thrown out, courtesy of fellow good guy, Reggie Parks. Billy Red Cloud eliminated Johnny Kace next. Red Cloud himself was then thrown out by Hennig. Reggie Parks was 6th, as Lanza caught him by surprise. The Black Jacks teamed up to make Seaman Thomas #7. Hennig was then thrown out by Andre Rousimoff, and 9th out was George Scott, double-teamed by Murdoch & Lanza. This was a most eventful, fast-moving battle royal with so much action it was hard to concentrate on everything. Rousimoff once caught Hennig, Murdoch and Rhodes trapped against the turnbuckle and squashed them with bodyblocks. Murdoch & Rhodes and Mulligan & Lanza were all in danger of being thrown out but their tag partners were always ready to save them. The teaming up of several villains almost had Andre out, but Snyder rescued him. These were the last 6 left in the ring. Once when Lanza saved Mulligan, he then swung at Thomas who was trying to dump him out, and Art ducked and Lanza hit Mulligan by mistake. Snyder was then tossed out of the ring but he went through the middle ropes so he was eligible to return. When he did, Murdoch went after him and Wilbur ducked and flipped him out. In the meantime, the Black Jacks and Rhodes had the Giant in trouble. Snyder saved him from going out, only to be tossed out, but again through the ropes. While Rhodes was throwing Snyder out, the Black Jacks were dumping

Rousimoff out, however, Andre was able to take both Lanza & Mulligan with him. As Rhodes was coming back to help eliminate Rousimoff, Snyder came back in and dropkicked Rhodes from the back, sending him out over the top rope to sprawl on the ring floor, and making Snyder the surprise winner of the 1972 Chicago battle royal.

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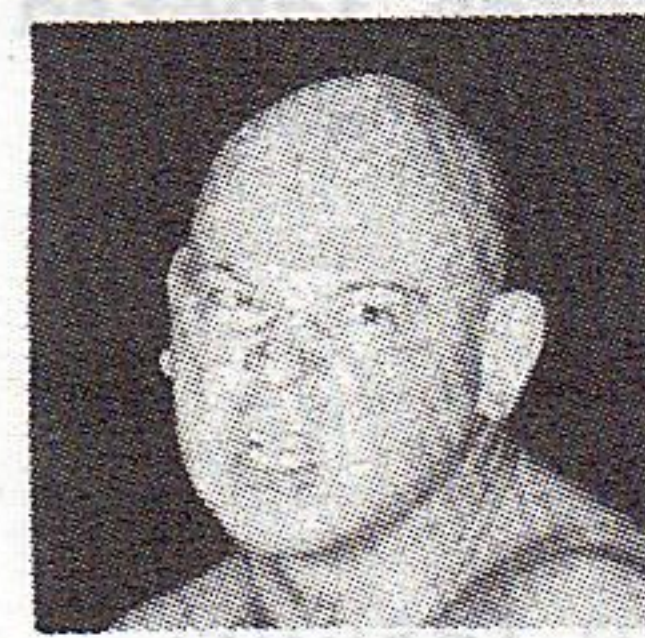
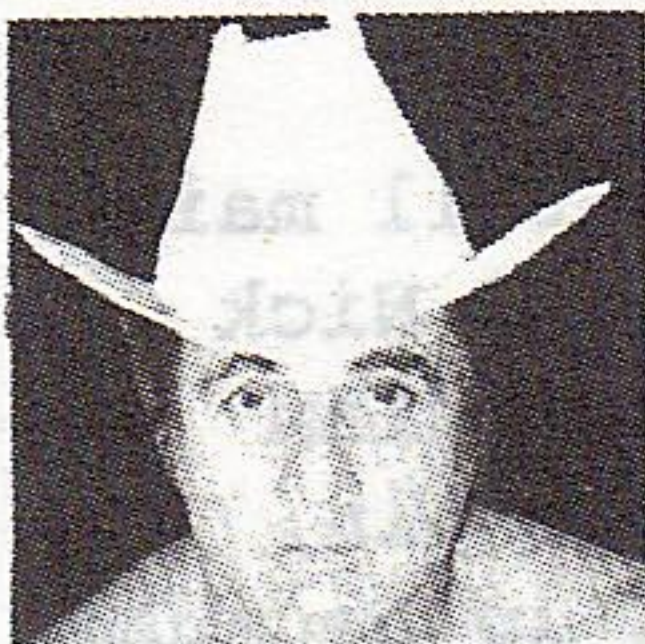
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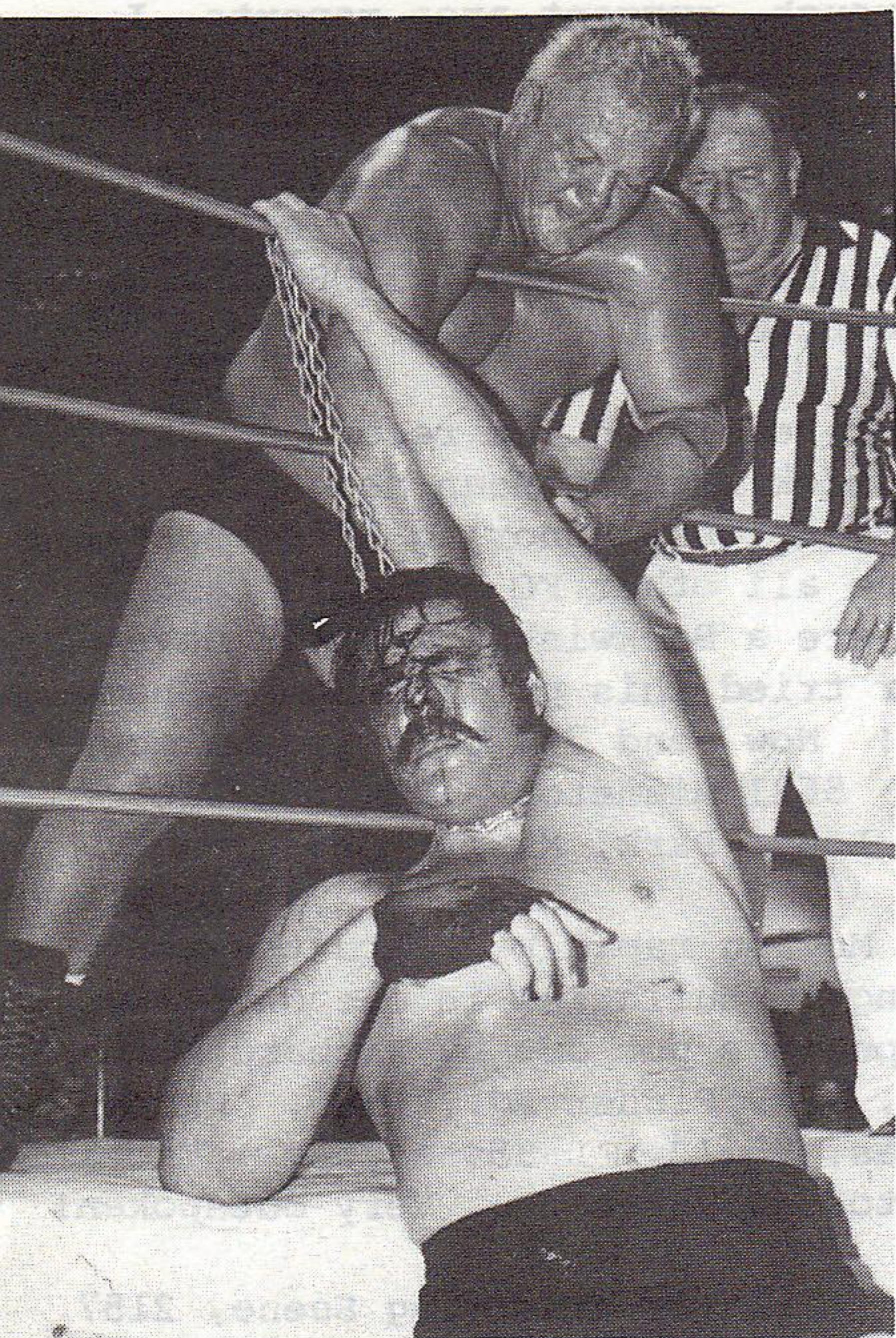
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For the best in well-done, thorough, current area reports, I strongly suggest sending for samples of California Wrestling Report (25¢) David Meltzer, 6562 Winterset Way, San Jose, Calif. 95120. AND Florida Fan Fare, Scott Teal, 3208 23rd Ave. W. Bradenton, Fla. 33505.

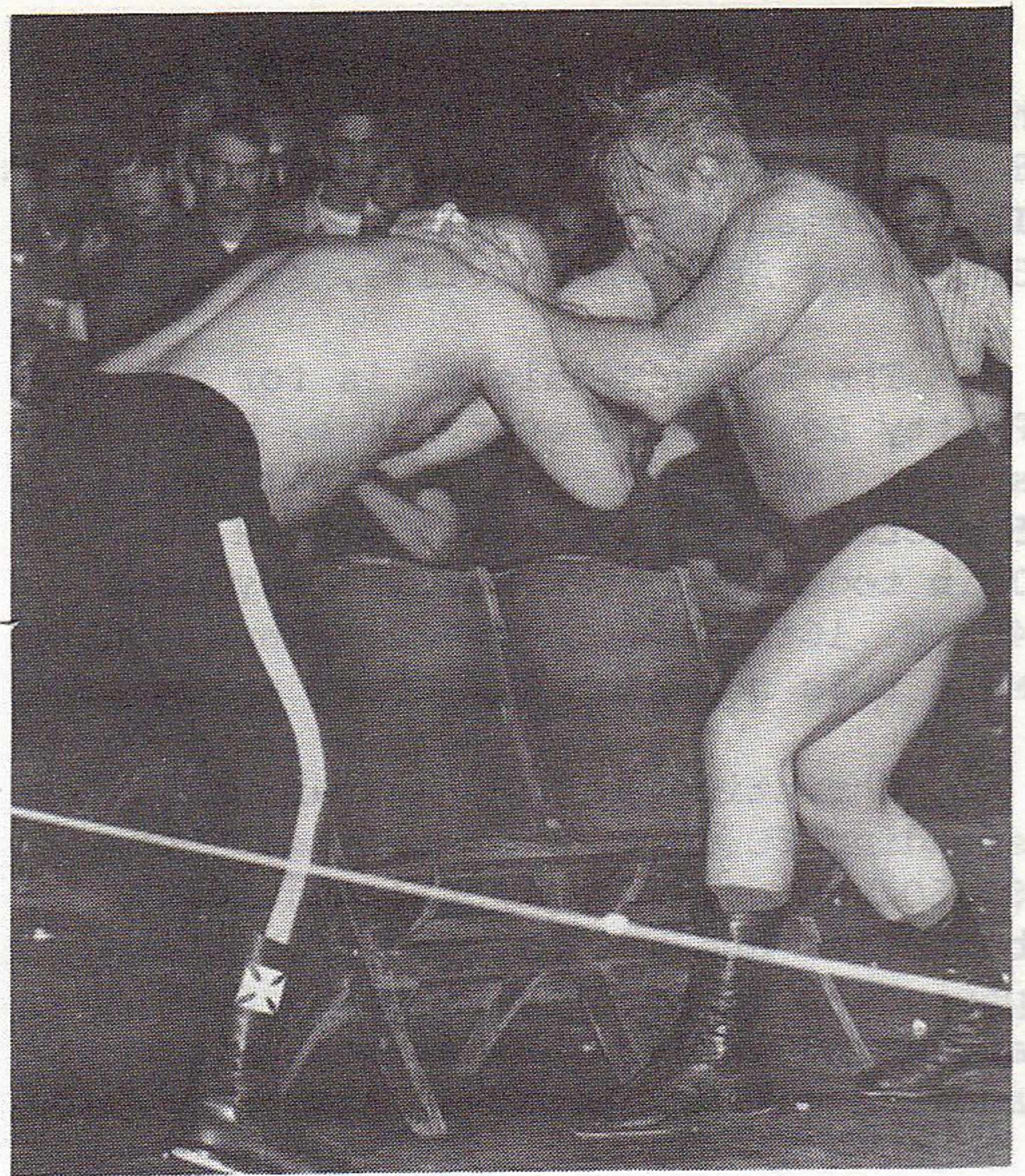
I remain on the record as enjoying Mick Karch's Lean Mean Machine publications, honoring Nick Bockwinkel, above all other FC bulletins and if you are a Bockwinkel fan and haven't ever tried this publication - Shame on You! Now send 75¢ before next month to: 5621 Minnetonka Blvd. #210, St. Louis Park, Minn. 55416.

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This exciting action photo of Dick the Bruiser's chain match with Black Jack Mulligan, was taken by Gary Kamensack, 12265 Corbett, Detroit, Mich. 48213. Gary has photos of all the Detroit wrestlers at 4 b/w for \$1, or 45¢ or 3-\$1.25 color. These photos are 3½ x 5 size. Gary is the photographer for ARENA.



Jim Reeves, P.O. Box 692, Goose Creek, S. C. 29445 (new address) took the above photo of Art Neilson browling at ringside with Kurt von Steiger, as well as photos in this issue of Hawk vs Brisco, Gary Hart, and O'Dell with Hanson. You can buy his photos of the Carolinas' grapplers, 3½ x 5, b/2 6-\$1, or color 5 for \$2. Your money will be refunded if you are not 100% satisfied with these shots taken from the front row with a 90-230 zoom.

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Michael Abrams has just agreed to provide IWD with photos of the WWWF stars. He specializes in 3½ x 5 color photos, but as of yet, I do not have his prices. You can inquire by writing to: 756 E. 84th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11236.

My travelling partner, on several excursions, Bruce Viner is selling his photos of mid-west wrestlers. b/w at 15¢-3 x 5, 30¢-5 x 7, or 50¢-8 x 10. Bruce took all of the photos appearing of the International Wrestling Promotion wrestlers, as well as the cover shot of Robinson & Gagne, among others in this issue. Bruce's address is --- 6482 Woodward #310, Downers Grove, Ill. 60515.

I suggest sending a check or money, and ordering a few of the well-known area wrestlers, when writing to any of these individuals to ask for a list or more information on specific wrestlers. If you are not sending money, you should provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope for their list and information.

Managers' Names Puzzle - by Sue Stech
How Many Can You Find & Circle?

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found on page 48.

NWF WRESTLERS ANSWER QUESTIONS FOR AKRON
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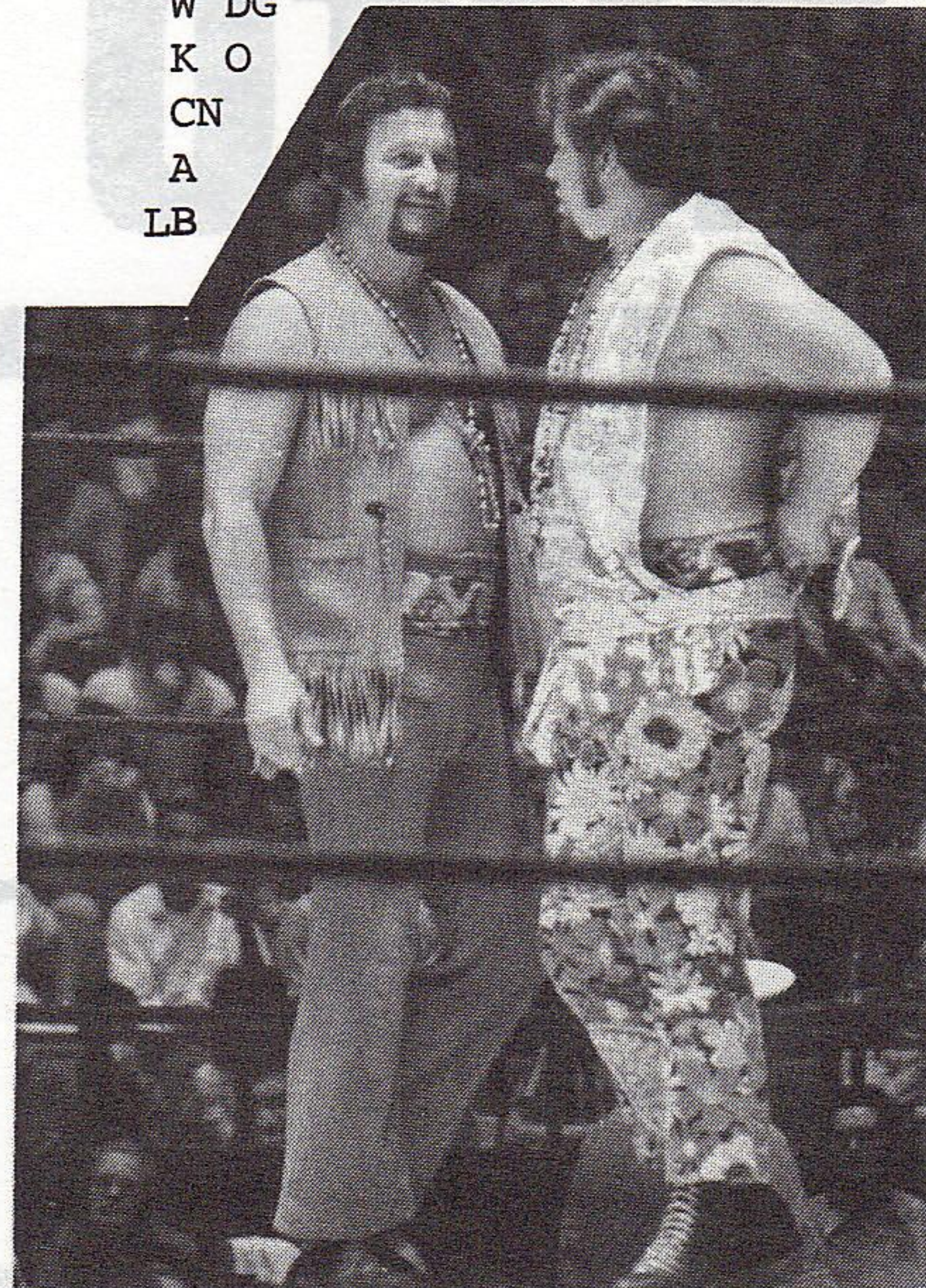
HARTFORD LOVE- Announced that he and brother
Reginald are in the NWF area to take the tag
title from new champions, Parisi & Martinez.
That their biggest and toughest match ever
was when they defeated Wilbur Snyder & Bruis-
er for an Ohio version of the tag title about
four years ago.

DON SERRANO - feels his toughest opponents have
been The Sheik in Detroit and Bruno Sammartino
in San Francisco. His favorite tag partner is
Luis Martinez. Argentina Rocca was the man re-
sponsible for his getting a start in wrestling.

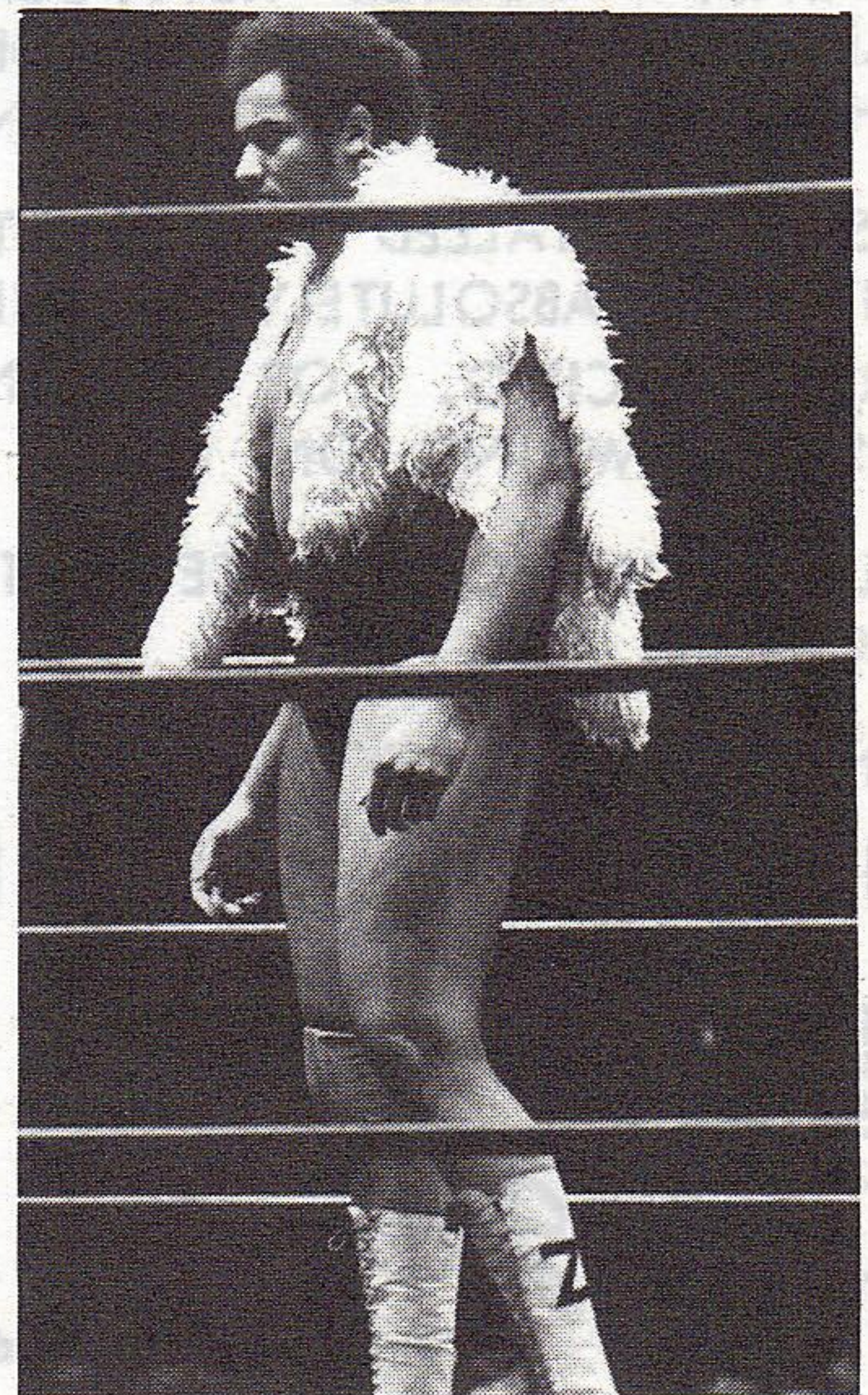
ZULU - also felt that the Sheik, whom he's met
in Toronto has been his roughest opponent, and
among clean wrestlers, Igor. He has been
wrestling for about one year, and received his
first match thru Detroit promoter Francis Fleser.
He regards Firpo's claw as the toughest hold
applied to him. Zulu also responded to the
reaction that it was nice to see him change to
a hero style by saying, "Yeah... but it seems
like the good guys never win."

RAYMOND ROUGEAU - feels that Denis Gauthier,
whom he often has teamed up with around Montreal,
is his favorite partner, other than his father
Jacques, who taught him all his wrestling know-
ledge. His uncle Johnny, wrestles only during
the summer months now. Swimming, tennis and
snowmobiling are his favorite diversions from
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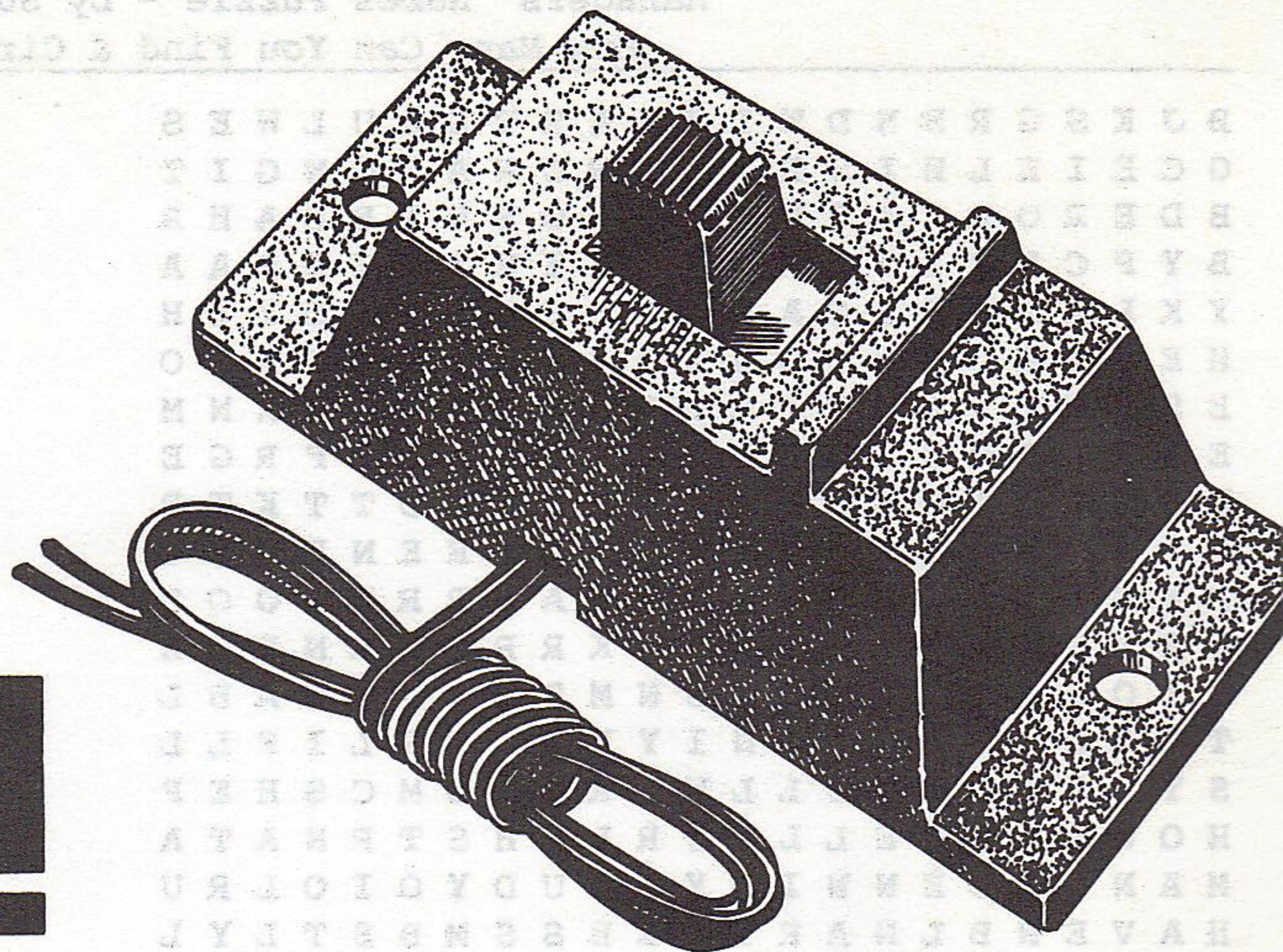


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2. Jim Wright d Steve Stanlee
3. Fred Blassie b Johnny Moochy
4. Sonny Myers d Sandor Kovacs
5. Great Togo b Hans Schmidt

December 9, 1960 - Chicago, Ill.

1. Dick Steinborn b Skull Murphy
2. Tito Carreon b Nicoli Volkoff
3. Boris Volkoff b Sandor Kovacs
4. Bastien Bros. b Sharpe Bros.
5. Siki-Wright b Fabulous Kangaroos
6. Buddy Rogers d Johnny Valentine

December 2, 1960 - Omaha, Neb.

1. Nikita Mulkovich d Emil Dusek
2. Bobby Managoff b Corsica Joe
3. Dusek-Managoff b Joe-Mulkovich, dq.
4. Don Leo Jonathan b Hercules Cortez
5. Verne Gagne b Killer Karl Kox

December 10, 1962 - Indianapolis, Ind.

1. Dale Lewis d Joe Blanchard
2. Emil Dupre b Bill Miller, dq.
3. Mark Lewin d Stan Neilson
4. The Sheik b Art Neilson
5. Von Braunnors b Bruiser-Jonathan, dq.

December 9, 1969 - Madison Square Garden

1. Eric the Red b Luis Cerdan
2. Baron Mikel Scicluna b Jean DuBois
3. Little Beaver b Frenchy Lamont
4. Gorilla Monsoon b Ernie Ladd
5. Waldo von Erich b Tony Parisi
6. Killer Kowalski b Dom DeNucci
7. Marino-Rivera b Tanaka-Arakawa
8. Bruno Sammartino d Ivan Koloff

December 4, 1962 - Raleigh, N.C.

1. Johnny Walker b Tinker Todd
2. Scott Bros. b Chung-Sato
3. Bolos b Hawk-Hunter
4. Sid Jones d Smasher Sloan

December 10, 1970 - Amarillo, Tex.

1. Bull Ramos b Gorgeous George Jr.
2. Vivian Vachon b Marie Lavern
3. Ricky Romero b Bob Griffin
4. Seiji Sakaguchi b Bobby Duncum
5. Killer Karl Kox nc The Beast
6. Buck Robley b Pak-Song, dq.
7. Wrestling-Gladiator b N. Kozak-Man Mountain Mike
8. Dory Funk Jr. b Danny Hodge, cor.

December 11, 1961 - Madison Sq. Garden

1. Brute Bernard b Man Mtn. Campbell
2. Don Curtis b Steve Stanlee
3. Scott-Orton b Siki-Thomas
4. L. Beaver-Burke b Cupid-Sky Low Low
5. Miguel Perez d Mighty Atlas
6. Sammartino-Apollo b Togo-Sato
7. Bearcat Wright b Shohei Baba
8. Rocca-Valentine b Fabulous Kangaroos

December 10, 1967 - Indianapolis, Ind.

1. Prince Pullins b Bob Boyer
2. Santiago Acosta b The Assassin
3. Paul Christy b Black Bart
4. Jack Lanza b Reggie Parks
5. Wilbur Snyder d Gene Kiniski
6. Dr. Moto-Arakawa b Bruiser-Cholak

December 28, 1962 - Buffalo, N.Y.

1. Sam Steamboat b Baron Gattoni
2. Red Lyons b Nikita Mulkovich
3. Hans Schmidt d Ilio DiPaolo
4. Dick Beyer b Bob Stanlee
5. Hans Schmidt b Steve Stanlee
6. The Beast b Yukon Eric, dq.
7. Sweet Daddy Siki b Waldo von Erich
8. Bruno Sammartino b Bill Soloweyko

December 16, 1949 - Chicago, Ill.

1. Lucky Simonovich d Frankie Talaber
2. Cyclone Anaya b Ivan Rasputin
3. Tarzan White & Walter Palmer b Chris & Baba Zaharias
4. Gorgeous George b Rudy Kay

December 5, 1959 - Omaha, Neb.

1. Doug Gilbert b Emil Dusek, dq.
2. Ernie Dusek b Tommy O'Toole
3. Cowboy Ellis d Kinji Shibuya
4. Dr. X (B. Miller) d Verne Gagne

December 12, 1968 - Amarillo, Tex.

1. Bonita White Dove b Kay Noble, dq.
2. Dory Funk Sr. b Pat Patterson
3. The Infernos b Little Eagle-Perez
4. Ricky Romero b Gypsy Joe
5. Yokouchi-Ito b Dory Jr.-Terry Funk

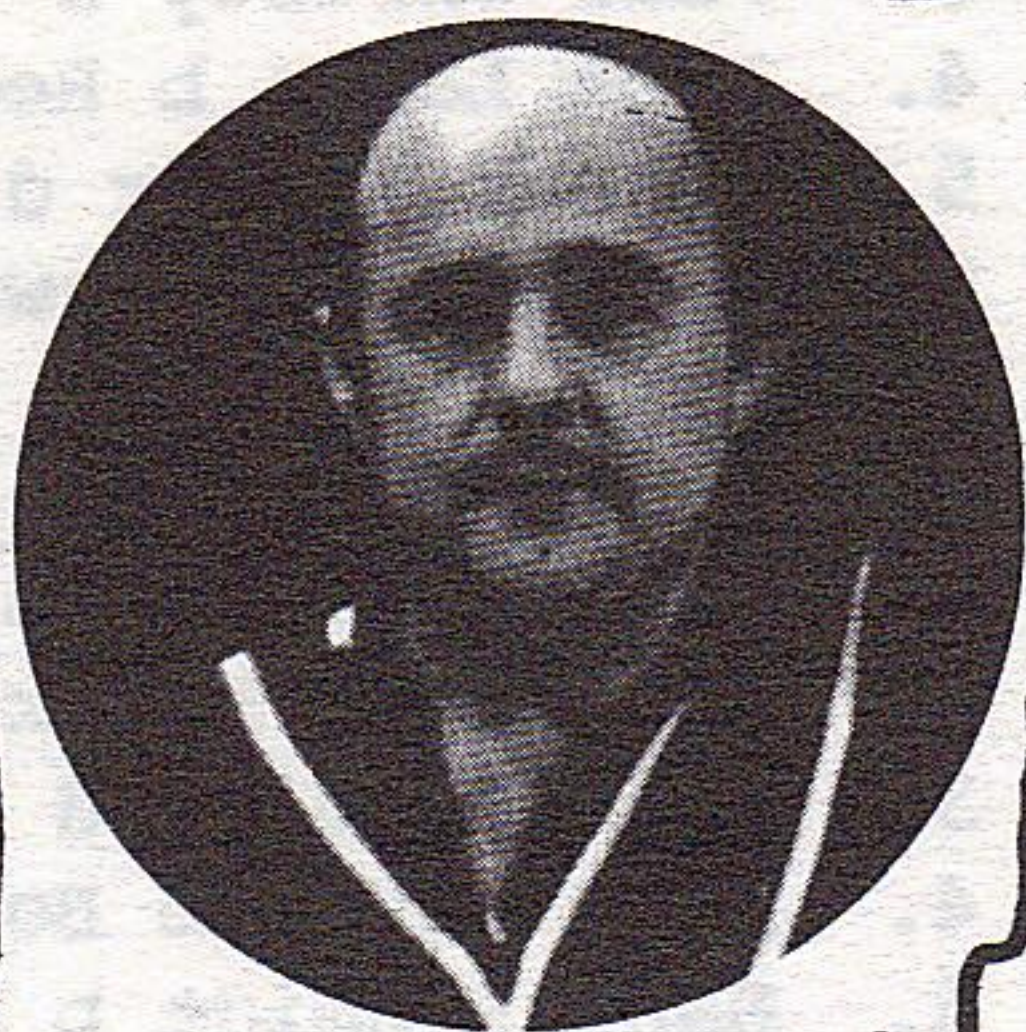
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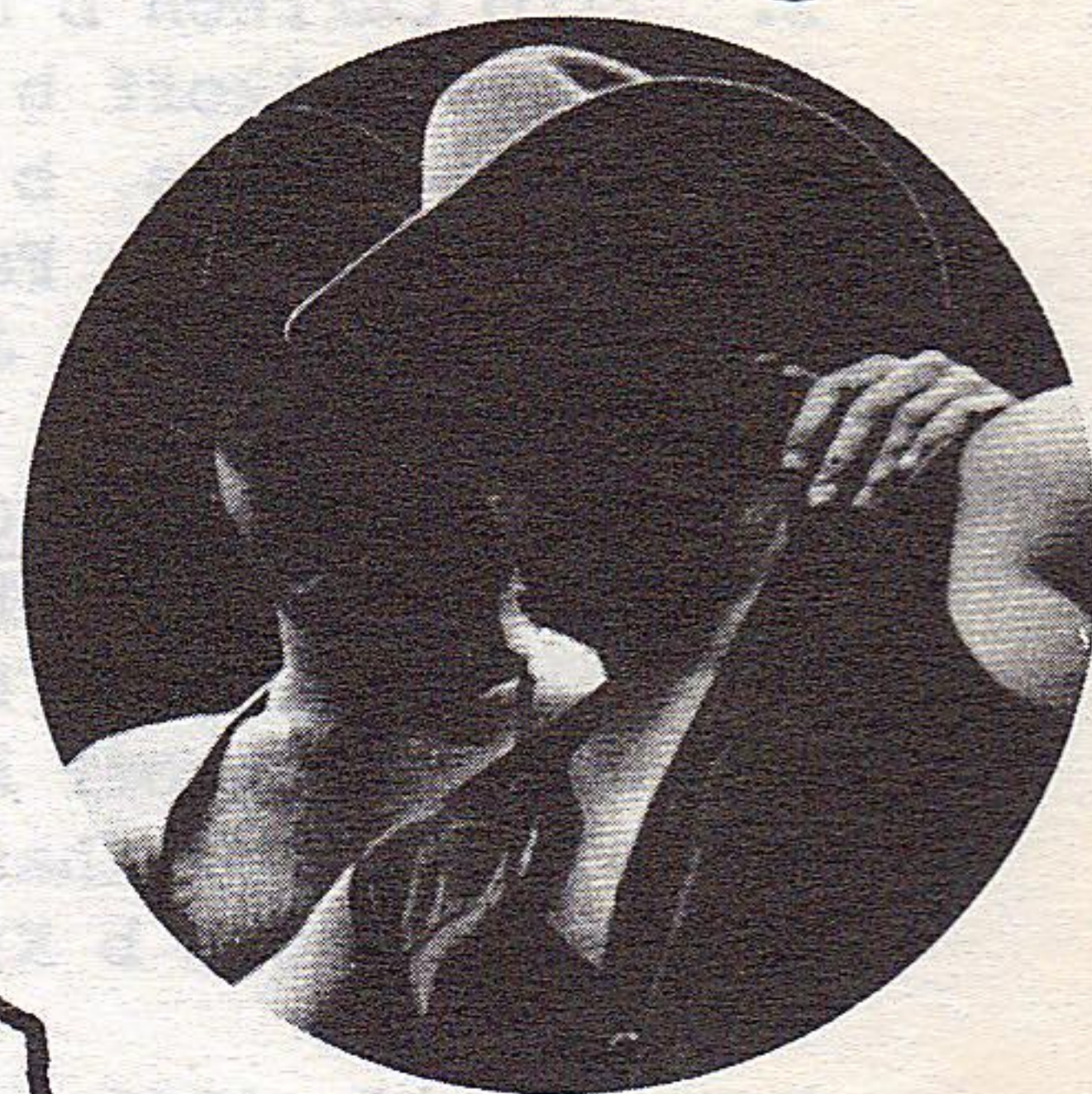
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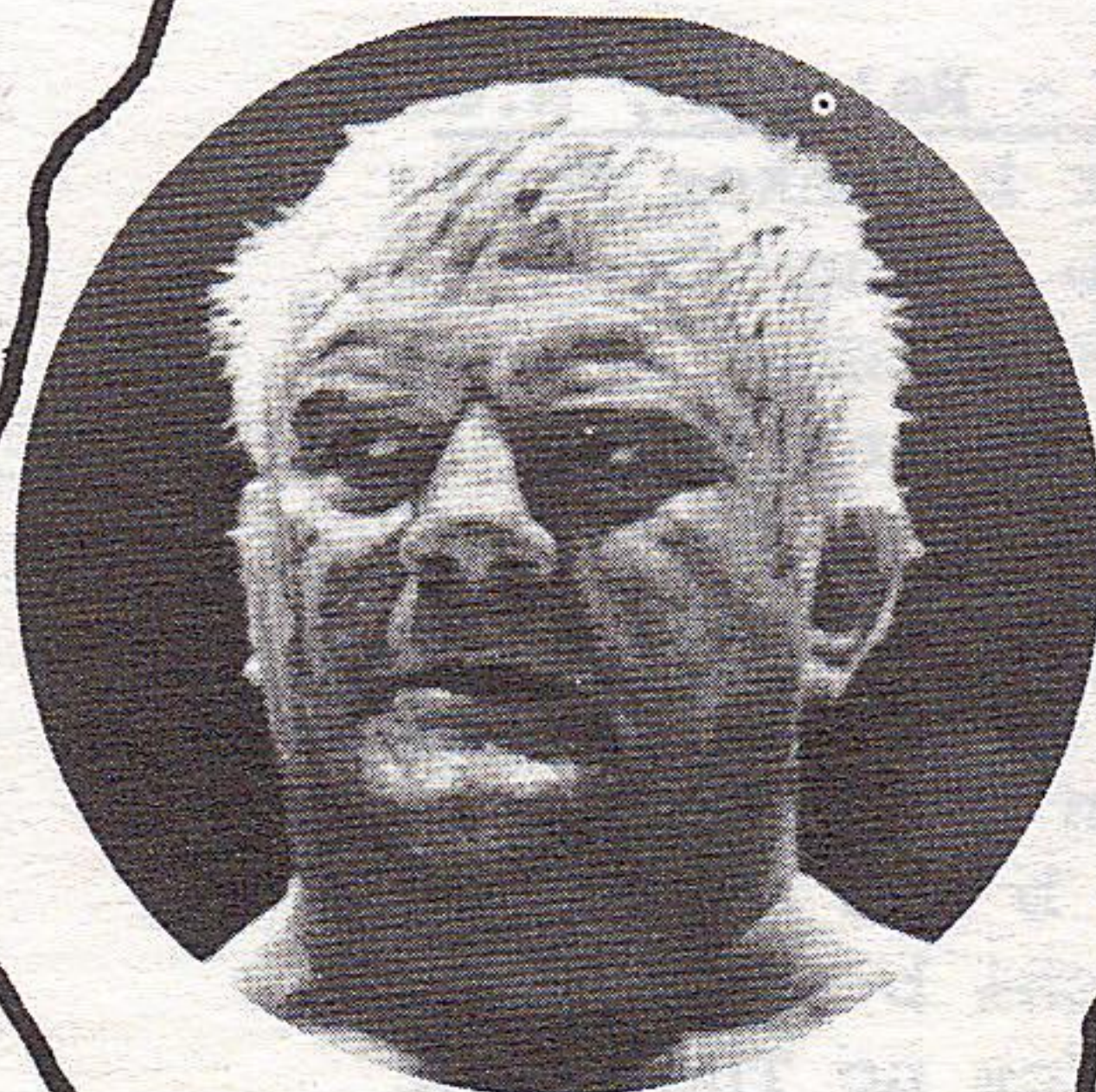
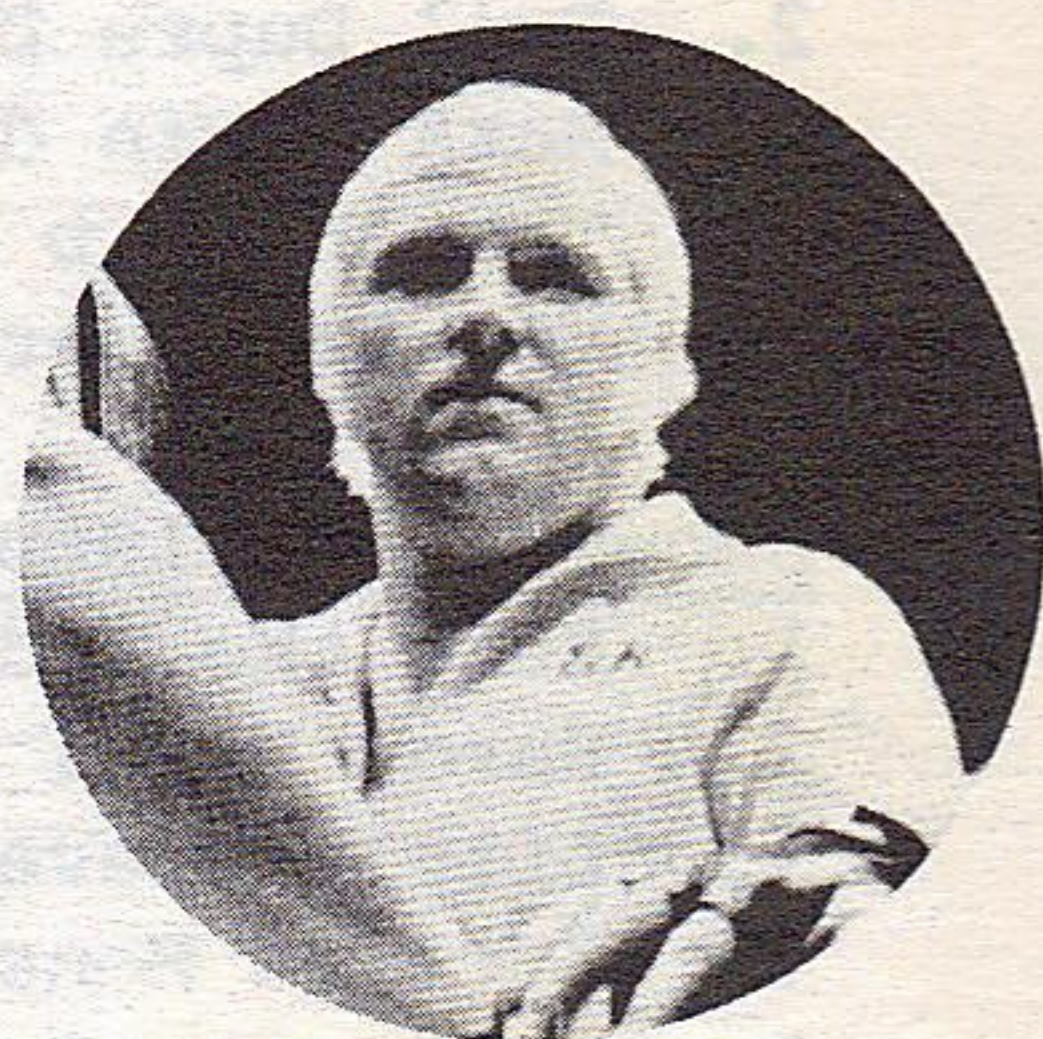


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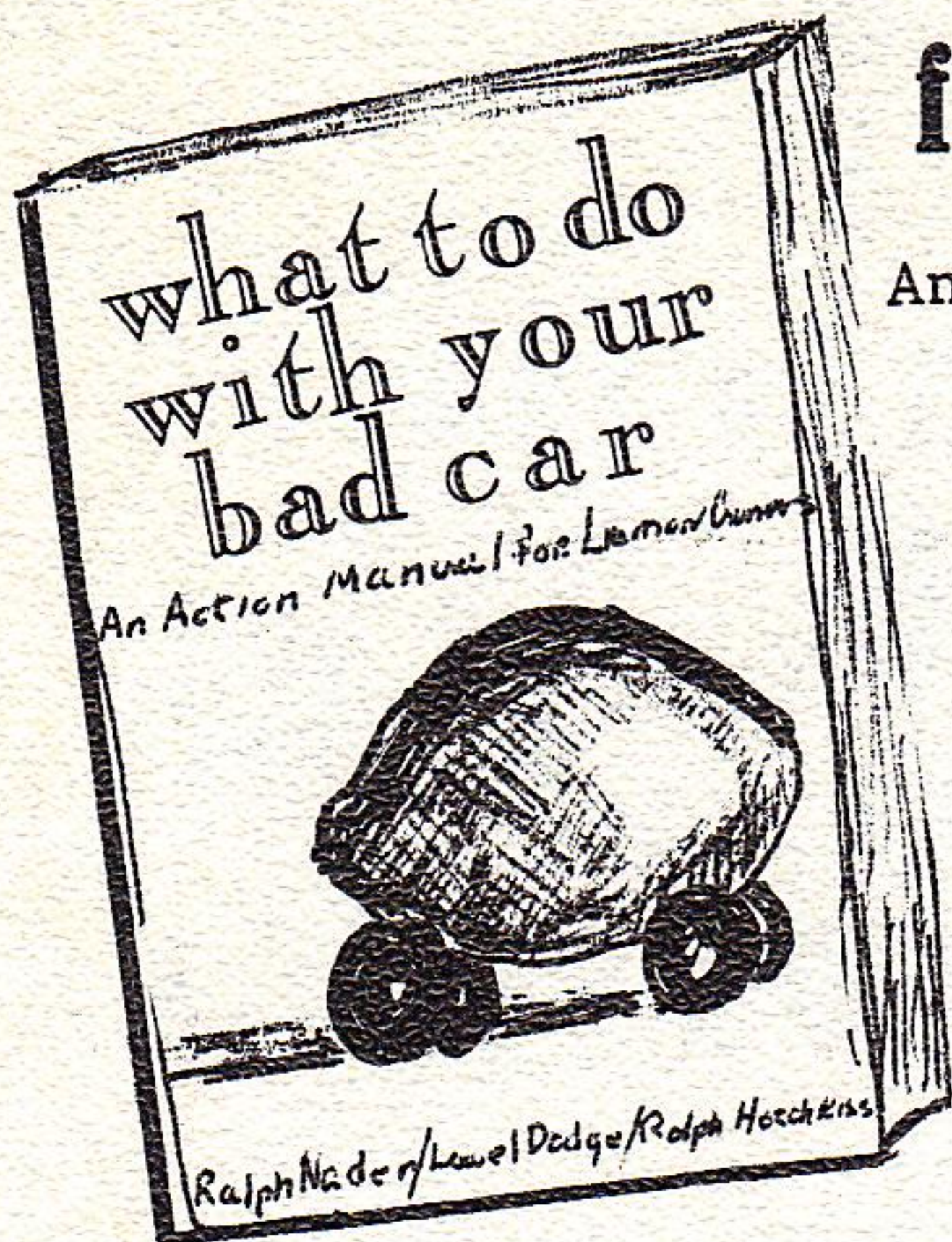
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